

## GERMANS HOLD RAILWAY LINE AT BUCHAREST

Almost Entire Control of Rumania is Now in Grasp of Victorious Teutons.

Constantine Masses Large Greek Army Near the Allies' Front in Macedonia.

Resignation of the Austrian Cabinet Held to be Sign of Unrest in Dual Monarchy.

While the Russians along the Carpathian ranges and the allies in Macedonia keep up their offensive the advance of the German allies in Rumania continues.

World interest in the progress of the war is still centered upon the Rumanian theatre of operations, where, mile by mile, the Germans and their allies are eating up the Rumanian kingdom.

By the capture of all the territory south of the Bucharest-Cernavoda railway, announced today, the German allies come into control of that highly strategic line of communication and the way is opened for a fresh advance against the Rumanian flank.

All of the Rumanian kingdom is now in the hands of the German allies except the northeastern part of Wallachia, the northern end of Dobruja and Moldavia province. Only minor operations are reported from the western front.

## GERMANS GET RAILWAY LINE

Important Road in Rumania Held by Kaiser's Army.

BERLIN, Dec. 14.—(via Sayville wire)—Fresh advances have been made by Von Mackensen's armies along the entire Rumanian front, the war office reported today.

The important railroad between Bucharest and Cernavoda is now completely in German hands. This railway is one of high strategic importance. It is the only railway line connecting Bucharest with the Black sea coast. Its eastern terminus is Constantza.

The Russians on the Carpathian line have continued their assaults without gaining any advantage.

Following a brief lull Serbian troops east of the Ticherna river renewed their assaults against the Bulgarians, but all broke down with heavy losses, according to the official communication given out by the war office today.

## GREEKS RALLY TO THE KING.

Constantine Masses Large Forces Near Allies in Macedonia.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—That King Constantine has massed a considerable force of Greek troops around Katrnia in dangerous proximity to the left flank of General Sarrail's allied army in Macedonia, is indicated by advices received here today. Katrnia is near the western shore of the Gulf of Salonika and about 30 miles southeast of Monastir.

England is preparing to call 1,000,000 additional men to the colors. A supplementary estimated issued today provides for the calling of these men during the present year. They are to serve in all ranks. The original estimate was for 4,000,000 men.

The resignation of the Austrian cabinet, which was reported in a Router telegram from Amsterdam last night, was interpreted here today as part of the domestic unrest in the Central empires that led to the recent peace proposals. Emperor Charles of Austria, has entrusted the task of forming a new ministry to Alexander Spitzmuller.

The resigning cabinet, headed by Premier Von Koerber, was formed on November 1.

## HAVEN'T BURNED OUR BALLOTS

Secretary of Local Election Board is Still Holding on to Them.

Secretary Arthur Morris, of the Allen county board of elections stated today that the ballots of the recent election are being held under lock and key in the office of the board in the Sherwood building, on the Public Square.

Although it is customary to burn the ballots one month following the election, Morris states that this year they will be kept intact until final instructions are received from Secretary of State Hildebrandt in regard to their disposal.

The secretary of state ordered that the ballots be kept ready for shipment to Columbus in case it was necessary to re-count them. It is necessary to receive word to do so at any moment.

## Weather for Ohio and Vicinity

Snow late tonight and on Friday. Not so cold Friday.

## Temperature at Solar Refinery

4 a. m. .... 12  
9 a. m. .... 12  
12 m. .... 17  
2 p. m. .... 17

## ENTIRE CITY IS IN CLUTCH OF WINTER

Temperature Descends to Within 4 Points of the Zero Mark Early Today.

Coal and Gas Men State There Appears to be No Cause for Undue Worry.

With the report of the weatherman, "Snow Friday," and the thermometer registering close to the zero mark early this morning, local charities and relief organizations received numerous requests for assistance from needy families throughout the city.

At 4 o'clock this morning the thermometer registered 4 above the zero mark. Although at 9 o'clock the mercury went up 7 points, there is little indication that there will be a change for warmer weather for several days at the most.

Plumbing shops and fuel dealers were busy throughout the city this morning as a result of the sudden cold snap indicating zero weather. The former firms responded to numerous calls to mend broken pipes, which were burst by sudden freezing during the night. Others desired that pipes in their homes be reheated of the frozen condition.

Coal dealers were rushed to the limit this morning in supplying the demands of consumers who were caught without a supply of the carboniferous product on hand. Both hard and soft coal is demanded by citizens.

Supply is Not Short. Harry Spayd, manager of the City Coal company, this morning, stated that there should be plenty of fuel in the city to take care of the demand unless the weather should continue to remain very cold for some time without additional shipments from the mines.

According to dealers, the reason for the good supply of coal is due to the recent warm weather and the subsequent small drain on local dealers. This has given them a chance to prepare for the cold spell.

As is usual, the near zero weather has resulted in numerous calls for assistance. But heads of charity organizations are of the opinion that they will be far less in number than in previous years because of the industrious times. Persons desiring work are quickly accommodated.

The freeze brought the usual influx of tramps and wayfarers to the city prison. More than 10 of them took advantage of the free shelter that is offered by the police department during exceedingly cold weather.

In former years it was the custom to house such shelter seekers in the basement of the safety building on East High street, but since the installation of lockers for patrolmen in this part of the structure, they are locked up in cells with other prisoners during the night and turned loose in the morning.

Gas Supply Good. Few complaints were registered at the gas office in regard to a lack of this form of fuel. Officials of the company are of the opinion that little trouble will be encountered this year in supplying consumers with plenty of gas unless some unforeseen accident to the lines should occur.

The arrival of the cold weather is causing many merchants in the city to reap harvests. Young lads who for the past couple of months have longed for the arrival of weather which would give them good skating have boosted the skate sales at the local hardware stores. Practically all of the lakes of the city were covered with an inch coat of ice this morning.

## U. S. DRY VOTE 250,000

Prohibitionists Give Election Figures; Socialists 750,000.

CHICAGO, Dec. 14.—With official returns from only a few states missing, it was said at prohibition national headquarters that the prohibition vote November 7 would come within 4,000 or 5,000 either way of 250,000 for president.

At socialist headquarters the vote for president was estimated at from 750,000 to 800,000.

## REPORT RESIGNATION OF AMBASSADOR PAGE



Ambassador Page. Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 12.—The resignation of Walter Hines Page, United States Ambassador to Great Britain, is reported here today. It is said that it has been learned on the highest authority that Ambassador Page's resignation has been in the hands of President Wilson for some time. According to the report, no political significance is attached to the resignation. It is said that Ambassador Page merely wishes to be relieved of the arduous duties, attached to his high office.

## FRANCE IS WARY OF TEUTON PEACE PLAN

Premier Briand's Warning is Approved by the Paris Press as Sound Advice.

London Opinion is That the Entente Allies Will Stand Pat on the New Situation.

PARIS, Dec. 14.—The warning sounded by Premier Briand in the chamber of deputies against the German peace proposals was hailed today by the press as sound advice to be considered very seriously.

The premier's speech is regarded as France's answer to the peace proposition of Von Bethmann-Hollweg, the German chancellor, although the peace note has not yet been formally handed in by the neutral emissaries.

That the various branches of the government are in accord and that the view expressed by the premier struck the popular chord, was shown by the fact that the chamber adopted a resolution of confidence in the reconstructed government.

In addition to that section of the speech relating to the peace proposals, the premier indicated that the allies are in complete accord on all military questions as well as questions of diplomacy.

The Rumanian army has been reorganized and strengthened by the Russians, the premier said, and is ready to take its place on the eastern front.

The elevation of General Joseph Nivelle to the post formerly held by General Joffre is arousing much speculation over the new military tactics that will be pursued on the western front. It is believed certain that Joffre's "blowing policy" will be followed by one much more aggressive. General Nivelle is 58 years old, being one of the youngest generals in all the armies.

## ALLIES WILL STAND PAT.

No Possible Chance of Break in the Entente Banks.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—The Times again declares that the proposals cannot be considered, saying that peace is impossible until "Prussian militarism is beaten down."

The Daily News is one of the minority newspapers that believes the proposals should be considered.

The Westminster Gazette sees in Germany's move a subtle diplomatic move and warns the government not to be outgeneraled on the field of diplomacy.

The Manchester Guardian, the leading liberal newspaper in the United Kingdom, takes the view that it would put England in the wrong in the eyes of neutrals if she refused to exchange views with Germany.

In official circles it is declared there is no possible chance of a break in the solidarity of the allies. An effort to spread discord among the allied nations might well have been one of the objects of Germany in making the peace offer, according to the view held in some quarters. But this view is not general. There is a strong and widespread belief that Germany really wants peace with all her heart, but fears to go too far in seeking it for fear she will be accused of weakness.

## SECRETARY NOW UNABLE TO PUT UP MUCH FIGHT

Attorneys Hold His Hands Are Tied as Regards the Destruction of Ballots.

Over in Van Wert County the Board of Elections Has Burned Them Up.

Squabble Over Location of the State Offices May be Aired in the Ohio Courts.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 14.—Investigation of attorneys has convinced them that if members of the county election boards disregard the instructions of Secretary of State Hildebrandt and obey the law requiring the burning at the expiration of 30 days of the ballots cast in the November election the present head of the election machinery cannot punish them.

This knowledge is said to increase the probability that boards will begin one by one to burn the ballots and end the present situation by which a contest of election still may be threatened.

In Van Wert county this step already has been taken, no attention being paid to the letter issued by Mr. Hildebrandt. Other counties may resolve on similar courses.

Inquiry shows that boards are in a peculiar position. They cannot be removed by Mr. Hildebrandt for obeying the law, since removal is provided only for misfeasance or malfeasance in office and for good and sufficient cause. The removals must follow formal charges and proof, and the time is now so short that the present secretary will be able to do nothing before his retirement.

On the other hand, it is not known what view will be taken by the incoming secretary. If he decides to go into the disobedience to law on the part of election boards he might find cause for general decapitations.

May Take It To Court. Litigation is threatened over the effort of the present state administration to force the industrial commission to move from its present quarters, opposite the statehouse, to the remodeled Red Lion building, a mile south, on High street.

The lease for the Red Lion hall space was made a year ago by former Adjutant General Hough without consultation with the utilities commission. The space for the various departments was allotted and offices made up for the commission, and then it was ordered to move. It then was found the commission had a lease on the rooms occupied, and the supreme court held the lease to be good.

That Women Prison Again. Efforts to learn why the state board of administration has not sought to put into effect the provisions of the law governing the Marysville reformatory for women are to be made by Governor Willis.

The executive has been making his own inquiries with respect to the matter and his endeavors now have been supplemented by those of a committee of Marysville citizens which called on the governor yesterday.

There are only 38 inmates of the institution. The statement is made that it would be possible to care for nearly 200 under the present arrangements.

The trouble is said to be the failure to place in the institution women who have been convicted of misdemeanors in addition to those who are incarcerated for felonies.

Xenia Gets the Home. Governor Willis and State Auditor Donahy, ex-officio members of the state commission for the selection of a site for a state hospital for crippled children, will report to the commission when it meets here next Thursday that the hospital be located at Xenia, Ohio, in connection with the Ohio Soldiers and Sailors Orphan home.

## MOB STAMPS MAN TO DEATH

Crime Was Shooting Wildly on Crowded Street.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—For the first time in 53 years, lynch law held a session of New York in its grip early today when an enraged mob of 300 men and boys stamped out the life of Paulo Boleta as a penalty for trying to "shoot up" historic Green-village. Today the public searched the neighborhood for the ring-leaders.

Boleta pulled a revolver in a crowded thoroughfare and one of his many bullets wounded Archibald Madison. Then he ran. An angry crowd pursued, dragged him from the single officer that tried to protect him and trampled him to death. Police reserves dispersed the mob.

## BRIAND REORGANIZING FRENCH MINISTRY



SENIOR BRIAND.

Following the example of Great Britain, France is reorganizing the ministry, and will form a war council of five. Premier Briand has been busy engaged in interviewing the leaders of the various political elements with a view to the changes to take place.

## FEDERAL PROBE OF CLEVELAND FOOD

Special U. S. Officer Orders Session of Grand Jury to Investigate High Prices.

Twenty-five Witnesses Are Summoned and Dealers Are to be Under Fire.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 14.—George W. Anderson of Boston, special assistant to the attorney general, conducting a country-wide federal investigation into the coal and food situation, ordered a special grand jury here for next Monday to probe high prices.

Federal grand jurors have been called to consider indictments against Cleveland food and coal dealers for violation of the anti-trust law. The grand jury investigation, the first in the country outside of New York, will begin next Monday morning.

This announcement was made today by United States District Attorney Wertz at the close of an all-day conference with George W. Anderson, special assistant to the attorney general, and Charles De Woody, special agent of the department of justice.

This will be the first gun fired by the federal government in the middle west against the high cost of living. It came within a few hours after the arrival in Cleveland of Anderson, who stopped here first in his tour of cities included in the scope of the special food investigation ordered by President Wilson.

Twenty-five witnesses were subpoenaed for the investigation, which is likely to last two weeks. They include food dealers of various classes, cold storage men, coal dealers and representative of railroads involved in the recent coal famine.

## RODMAN WANAMAKER'S NIRVANA IS DESTROYED

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Rodman Wanamaker's big steel yacht, the Nirvana, was destroyed by fire of undetermined origin today while moored in the Marina Basin at Gravesend bay. Five workmen sleeping aboard the boat barely escaped with their lives. Many other costly yachts, including Vincent Astor's Noma, were threatened by the blaze and had to be towed to safety.

## CRUSHED WHEN A HEAVY CRATE OF TIN SLIPS CRANE.

STUEBENVILLE, O., Dec. 14.—Xobbe Hope, 22, employed as sealer at the Pope tin plant here, was crushed to death today when a heavy crate of tin slipped from a crane and dropped on his head. He is a son of Christopher Hope of Akron, O.

William Stone, 40, was fatally injured in a mine at Amsterdam today when caught by a fall of coal. His skull was fractured.

## CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE AS DEFINED BY JURORS

FREMONT, O., Dec. 14.—"What is circumstantial evidence?" "Anybody doing something that nobody seen," answered a prospective juror in the Wiser murder case. Another:

"Something framed up on a man to convict him."

"A certain something which can not be seen but we imagine it," guessed a third. All three were excused by the court. Efforts to empanel the jury were continued today. Joshua Kiser, farmer, is on trial, charged with wife murder.

## CONGRESS TODAY

House and senate met at noon. House judiciary committee considered bills for nation-wide prohibition and woman suffrage and Briand resolution for investigation of high cost of living.

House post office committee heard arguments against abolition of pneumatic post mail tube service.

House foreign affairs, military affairs and agriculture committees worked on appropriation bills. Senate continued consideration of immigration bill.

## U. S. SUBMARINE IS AGROUND NEAR BAY

Is 150 Feet off Pacific Shore and is Believed to be Total Loss to the Company.

All on Board Were Safe When Boat First Was Found in Sore Distress

EUREKA, Calif., Dec. 14.—The United States submarine H-3 went aground 150 feet off shore near Samoa, north of here, near the entrance to Humboldt bay today and is believed to be a total loss. Lieutenant H. R. Bogusch commands the submarine, which is laboring heavily at a 45 degree angle.

A man stood on the bridge at 10 o'clock and blew three blasts of a whistle, indicating that those on board were still safe.

The Monitor Cheyenne is standing a mile to the northwest and a tug is waiting a quarter of a mile away. Neither have been able to draw nearer. A life saving crew is trying to shoot a line to the submarine to bring the crew ashore.

A little girl, taking a morning walk on the beach, was the first to see that the submarine was in trouble. She ran a mile across the sand to Samoa and notified officers of the Hammond Lumber Company, who flashed the word to this city.

Confirmation of the trouble followed quickly from the wireless of the monitor Cheyenne. Immediate assistance was asked.

The submarine fleet was due here this morning.

## STEAMER RAMMED, 60 KRS

The Powhatan's Passengers Saved by Crew's Quick Work.

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 14.—The Boston steamer Powhatan, her boiler room wrecked by an explosion and a huge hole torn in her starboard side, lay half submerged three miles southeast of Thimble shoals today, while search was being made for the steamer which rammed her and then fled away. Only quick work on the part of the crew and the courage of the wireless operator in sticking to his post saved the steamer's 14-passengers. Four negro stokers were injured in this boiler explosion which followed the collision.

## GRANGERS ELECT OFFICERS

State Master Taber Is Re-elected at Newark Meeting.

NEWARK, O., Dec. 14.—The morning session of the State Grangers' convention was taken up entirely with the election of officers for the ensuing year which resulted as follows:

Master Granger, T. J. Taber, Barnesville; lecturer, Mrs. Harriet Dickson, Piquette; overseer, A. W. Caldwell, Licking county; secretary, R. J. Palmer, Erie county; assistant secretary, N. A. Mealy, Trumbull county; chaplain, Mrs. Ellen Mullen, Pickaway county; treasurer, J. A. Vanderbroek, Licking; treasurer, J. A. Demmech, Tuscarawas; clerk, Mrs. Frances Hinman, Ashland; Po-mona, Mrs. James Cunningham, Knox; Flora, Mrs. C. A. Dyer, Jackson; gatekeeper, Charles Atwood, Fulton; lady assistant steward, Mrs. Henry Garman, Preble; executive committee, Arthur Scott, Jefferson.

The next convention city will be selected tonight.

## LANAR, "WOLF OF WALL STREET" DENIED FREEDOM.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 14.—David Lamar, the "Wolf of Wall Street," has failed in his latest effort to gain his freedom. U. S. District Judge W. T. Newman refused his application for writ of habeas corpus.

## CANNED GOODS ARE TO BE 50 PER CENT HIGHER

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 14.—That canned goods will be 50 per cent higher next year was the view expressed by those in attendance at the annual convention of the Ohio Canners' Association here. Higher prices of raw materials, as well as higher prices for boxes and cans, are given as the causes.

## PEACE NOTE IS SENT AT ONCE TO THE ALLIES

Received by President Wilson, Quick Action is Taken in Re-transmission.

Situation is Most Delicate One, as America is Now Intermediary for Replies.

Wilson is Anxious That No Comment From Officials Shall Embarrass Him.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The allied emissaries this afternoon showed it to become known that the allied governments will make representations to Germany with a view to securing terms of peace which might form the basis for the opening of peace negotiations.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Germany's offer to discuss peace, as communicated to the American charge, Charles C. Grew, at Berlin, was received at the state department today. It was soon decoded and laid before Secretary Lansing immediately after he reached his desk.

A copy was also rushed to the White House. It was taken to President Wilson in his study. He immediately began consideration of the official text of the German chancellor's statement to the enemies of the Teutonic allies. A confidential message from Charge Grew accompanied the note.

Persons close to the president said that one of the first things the president will ascertain for himself from the note and the manner of its transmission is whether it is left open for him, as the head of the greatest neutral of the world, to convey with the note any suggestion from this government looking toward peace, when the communication is forwarded to the capitals of the entente.

Germany's announcement is now en route to the capitals of the entente allies. The president directed that the note be sent to the several nations to whom it was addressed immediately. Chief Clerk Ben Davis of the state department immediately re-coded the instrument and it was placed on the cables.

Announcement was made at the state department that "the note will go forward at once." The department added that it "has received no request other than to transmit the communication."

Receipt of the note has not ended the problem confronting President Wilson. He has not decided whether he will follow it with another suggestion from this government, as the leading neutral nation, asking that it be given the most careful consideration and again proferring the good offices of this government in any plan of mediation or otherwise that may be devised to end the war.

The president, White House officials said today, still is very much in doubt as to what is the best course to be pursued. For the present any communications which may pass back and forth between the belligerents must go through the state department. The reply of the entente, when drafted, will be sent here for transmission to Berlin, Vienna, Constantinople and Sofia. Because of its position as "next friend" of most of the belligerents in the enemy countries the United States must act with extreme caution. The situation is most delicate and the president has made it very plain to the few persons to whom he has talked that nothing must be said here which would in any way embarrass him in Caldwell, Licking county; secretary, R. J. Palmer, Erie county; assistant secretary, N. A. Mealy, Trumbull county; chaplain, Mrs. Ellen Mullen, Pickaway county; treasurer, J. A. Vanderbroek, Licking; treasurer, J. A. Demmech, Tuscarawas; clerk, Mrs. Frances Hinman, Ashland; Po-mona, Mrs. James Cunningham, Knox; Flora, Mrs. C. A. Dyer, Jackson; gatekeeper, Charles Atwood, Fulton; lady assistant steward, Mrs. Henry Garman, Preble; executive committee, Arthur Scott, Jefferson.

It was made very plain at the White House today that the president believes that the German proposal will be considered on their merits by the nations to whom they were addressed.

Charge Grew sent along with the note a confidential communication to the president which was not made public. It is understood, however, to tell in detail of the conference between the German chancellor and the neutral representatives and to emphasize the fact that Germany is absolutely sincere in desiring to arrange a conference of representatives of all of the warring nations to see whether some way cannot be devised to restore peace on a basis that will safeguard all the and present future wars.

It is expected that the president will talk the general situation over with Secretary Lansing possibly late tonight and that it will prove the chief topic of tomorrow's cabinet meeting. Soon after it is expected that announcement will be made of the course that the president has decided to pursue.

Secretary of State Lansing said today that he has not made any appointment to talk over the latest development with any of the ambassadors or ministers of the belligerent powers. It is expected that he will do so, probably in a most informal manner very soon.



# IMPROVEMENTS TO EXCEED ESTIMATE

Water Improvements Are to Cost More Than Amount Voted Upon at Election.

Seventeen Bids Are Opened in Council Chamber—All From Outside of the City.

Although it will probably be a week before the successful bidders on all three contracts for the water improvements will be known, according to figures of submitted bids which were read in the council chamber today at noon by Service Director Metheny, it is evident that the fund of \$550,000 available for the improvements will not be sufficient to take care of the work.

Representatives of contracting firms from all parts of the United States attended the bid reading routine. A total of 17 bids were opened by the service director. However, in many cases as many as five firms were represented in the bidding on one of the three contracts. More than one firm bid on contract No. 1 in each case.

Contract No. 1 calls for the construction of the filtration plant and the remodeling of the pump house. Contract No. 2 calls for the installation of the boilers and other equipment of the pump house and filtration plant. Contract No. 3 takes in the storage reservoir.

Service Director Metheny states today that although the lowest bid would probably be over the amount of the bond issue passed by the electors of the city, it is not believed that any trouble will be experienced in inducing council to pass legislation for an additional bond issue to make up the deficit when the amount of the original issue is exhausted.

The following firms submitted bids on the three contracts: Pittsburgh Filter Manufacturing Co., Pittsburgh; Pitt Construction Co., Pittsburgh; A. Beatty and Son Co., Toledo; Norwood Engineering Co., Florence, Mass.; Joseph S. Sheldon Engineering Co., Toledo; Fred R. Jones Co., Cleveland; Halley & Co., Toledo; Power Equipment Co., Toledo; N. Y. Continental Jewel Co., New York City; Alphonse Costidis Chimney Co., Chicago; S. R. Smith Co., Pittsburgh; Allis-Chalmers, Cleveland; Worthington Pump Co., Cleveland; Hooven Owen, Hamilton; John W. Danforth, Buffalo; Dravo-Doyle Pump Co., Cleveland; and Webber Chimney Co., Chicago.

## SAYS HUSBY BURNED CLOTHES

Mrs. Mary Francis Files Suit for Divorce From Hugh Francis.

Alleging habitual drunkenness for more than three years past, Mary D. Francis yesterday instituted suit for divorce from Hugh K. Francis, tinner and slater of 510 1-2 South Main street. The couple were married on April 26, 1909, and have one child, Kelsey, aged five years. Mrs. Francis asks alimony for Francis' four children by a former marriage, and has two children of her own by a previous marriage, aged 18 and 16.

She asks his dower in her property, known as lot 1796 in Goodnow's addition, lots 3689, 3690 and 3691 in Seller's and Settler's first addition and in lot 3576 in Thomas Brothers' addition to Lima, be barred. He owns an automobile, horse, wagon and tools and has money in local banks and Mrs. Francis asked and was granted, an injunction, preventing him from encumbering or disposing of the same.

Despite the fact that he was ordered by the court not to trouble her, she says when he learned of the suit he burned up her clothes and beat and struck her. He will answer in Justice Hamilton's court on Monday, being released, at the preliminary hearing, on a bond of \$50, which he furnished.

## MASQUERADE DANCE.

A RIOT OF FUN AT STEIN HALL, THURSDAY EVENING.

D. OF V. NOTICE.

Daughters of Veterans Tent 23, will meet at the Ohio Electric station to go to West Cairo, Friday afternoon, on the 1:20 car.

Florence Stratton, Pres.

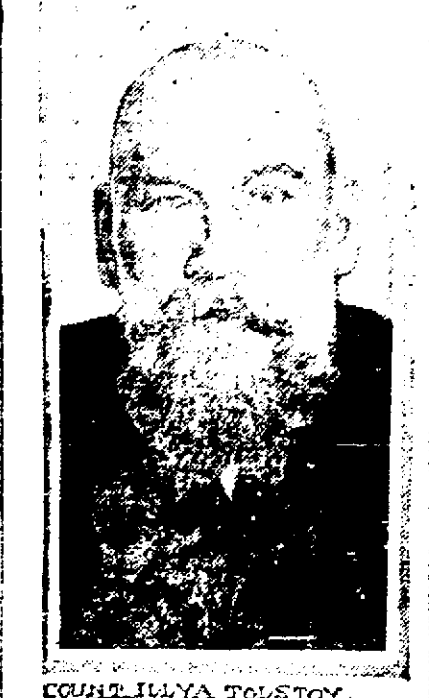
## YOUNGEST AUDITOR ON ERIE ASSUMES DUTIES.

MARION, O., Dec. 14.—Laverne Templeton, 24 years old, employed here in the Erie division offices, was appointed by Frederick Underwood president of the Erie railroad company, as traveling auditor of the road. Templeton, who is a son of a former Marion Erie railroad agent, will be the youngest man ever to fill the position of traveling auditor for the Erie.

Bank Official Recommends Them. T. L. Norrell, vice president of the Bank of Cottonwood, Tex., writes: "I have received relief and recommend Foley Kidney Pills to any one who has kidney trouble." Kidney trouble manifests itself in many ways—in worry, by aches, pains, soreness, stiffness, and rheumatism. H. P. Vortkamp.

Wings for Skaters. Wings to be strapped to the arms and legs to enable skaters to make use of the wind, was the subject of a recent patent.

## COUNT TOLSTOY, SON OF REFORMER, HERE



COUNT ILYA TOLSTOY, SON OF REFORMER, HERE

This photograph of Count Ilya Tolstoy shows his striking resemblance to his great father, Count Leo Tolstoy, the Russian writer and reformer. Count Tolstoy, who is touring this country, says he has left New York because it is too hurried and feverish for him.

## THE CORE

Ross Eaton, of Independence, Kansas, stopped over here to see his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Eaton, while returning to his home from a trip to New York.

Miss Alice, daughter of Dr. W. H. Boery, is rapidly recovering from an operation for appendicitis performed at the city hospital.

Mrs. J. O. Thompson has been called to Delphos where Seth Thompson, aged 86, is dangerously ill of paralysis.

Paving of Franklin avenue has been completed and council will be asked at its next session to fix the assessments.

Mrs. Tressie Stevick has returned from Delphos where she attended the funeral of Mrs. G. H. Stevick.

Friday night, Dec. 22, has been selected as the time of holding a special meeting of the city council.

A meeting of the Y. M. C. A. building committee is scheduled for this evening.

Mrs. E. F. Sisler and Mrs. Howard McAdams were home from Wapakoneta yesterday to visit Miss Lavergne Sisler, who is at the City hospital recovering from an operation for appendicitis.

Mrs. Truesdale, of Delphos, who came to Lima to visit, is very ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. William East.

Miss Florence Phalen, who has been pianist at the Lyric theatre, has gone to Wapakoneta, where she will play at the Vaudeville moving picture house.

Theodore G. Scheid' confessed judgement in court in favor of the Fox furnace company for \$233.83, being the amount due on a note with interest, given by Scheid.

Walter Ruck, 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Ruck, residing three miles southeast of Wapakoneta, was removed to this city yesterday for consultation regarding an operation yesterday.

While employed at his work at the Lima Plumbing company's plant this morning, Edward Richards suffered an attack of epilepsy and was removed to the city hospital in the Williams and Davis ambulance.

The case of W. E. Booth against the O. W. Peirce company, for money, has been settled out of court and dismissed.

## Christmas Letters and Cards for everyone. Central News Stand, 324 N. Main Street

## MACCABEE WOMEN.

Lima Review No. 43, Lady Macabees will give a dance Friday evening, Dec. 15, instead of regular meeting.

MRS. O. SULLIVAN, Com.

## NO VERDICT YET IN THE PURSE SNATCHING CASE

No verdict has been had yet in the cases of O. A. Wilson and Elmer Phillips, charged with snatching a purse from Miss Etta Amentrout. The case has been on since this morning, and at 2:30 a recess was taken. It is expected that a settlement of it will be reached late today.

## NOTED U. S. DIPLOMAT IS IN SERIOUS CONDITION

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 14.—Colonel Charles Page Bryan, of Chicago, former United States ambassador to Japan, who was decorated by the emperor of Japan with the Grand Cordon of the Rising Sun, is seriously ill in Johns Hopkins hospital here today after having undergone an operation for intestinal trouble.

# HOLY CITY, TOPIC FOR BIBLE SCHOOL

Description of the Celestial Place Given in Revelation With Character of People.

Reports From Allen County Show a Good Attendance of Pupils for Recent Date.

## LESSON FOR DECEMBER 17, IN QUESTIONS.

(Mrs. D. Carl Voder)

The Holy City, Rev. 21 and 22.—The three lessons from Revelation present three ideals: (1) the ideal character; (2) the ideal life, the aim of the child of God; (3) the ideal society, our study for today. What is it?

1. How is heaven pictured in the Book of Genesis? How and why in Revelation? Mention the most notable features of the heavenly city.

1. VI. Will the present world be utterly destroyed?

3. V. 22. Are churches necessary in order to the worship of God? Consider well the use of a church in a community. Why is Christ called the Lamb?

4. What sources of comfort in today's Scripture? Why do the old especially enjoy it? What preparation for such enjoyment essential?

5. How make a Holy City—a truly Christian City—on earth? What is the only passport to heaven? How does a vision of heaven help us to live a good life? How do we carry in our foreheads the name of Him whom we serve? Is your name written in the Lamb's book of life?

6. What statements in the lesson are figurative? Literal?

7. Discuss practical ways in which each may help to bring a foretaste of heaven on earth. What Christmas cheer is our class planning to scatter? What missionary work? What more intimate acquaintance with Christ?

## LOCAL REPORTS.

Lima South Side Church of Christ: attendance 446; \$12.85; Loyal Men 57, Loyal Women 33, Home Makers 27, Delta Alpha 23.

Lima Central Church of Christ: attendance 368; \$18.50, four new pupils; December 3, attendance 263; \$37.40, one new pupil, Bethany 45, Cleaners 27.

Bluffton, First Mennonite: attendance 339, \$9.40.

Lima, First Baptist: attendance 310, on time 302, \$10.60, three new pupils, Brotherhood 32, Philathea 31, Win One 20.

Lima, First Christian: attendance 226, \$10.35, five new pupils, Sunshine 28, Willing Workers 22.

Bluffton, First M. E.: attendance 206, \$7.26.

Bluffton, St. John's Reformed: attendance 181, \$6.45.

Bluffton, Church of Christ: attendance 162, \$5.06.

## AMBULANCE TRIPS.

The Siford invalid coach removed D. Lease from the City hospital to his home at 715 East Vine street, today.

Mrs. D. W. Lott was removed from the City hospital to her home at 207 Richie avenue, yesterday afternoon, in the Bekert invalid coach.

The Williams & Davis invalid car made the following transfers yesterday afternoon:

Mrs. Frank Johnson, from 1636 West Elm street to the City hospital.

H. E. Lawrence, from 757 Greenlawn avenue to the City hospital.

Miss Ethel Cramer, from the City hospital to 522 West Vine street.

Mrs. Clifton Morton, from 925 West Kirby street to the City hospital.

While food and clothing have advanced in cost, it is well for the sick that the prices of such reliable family remedies as Foley Kidney Pills are not increased. Foley Kidney Pills cost little and relieve backache, pains in sides and loins, sore muscles, stiff joints, rheumatic pains and bladder trouble. H. P. Vortkamp.

## BOYS ESCAPE PENALTY OF STEALING FALSE TEETH

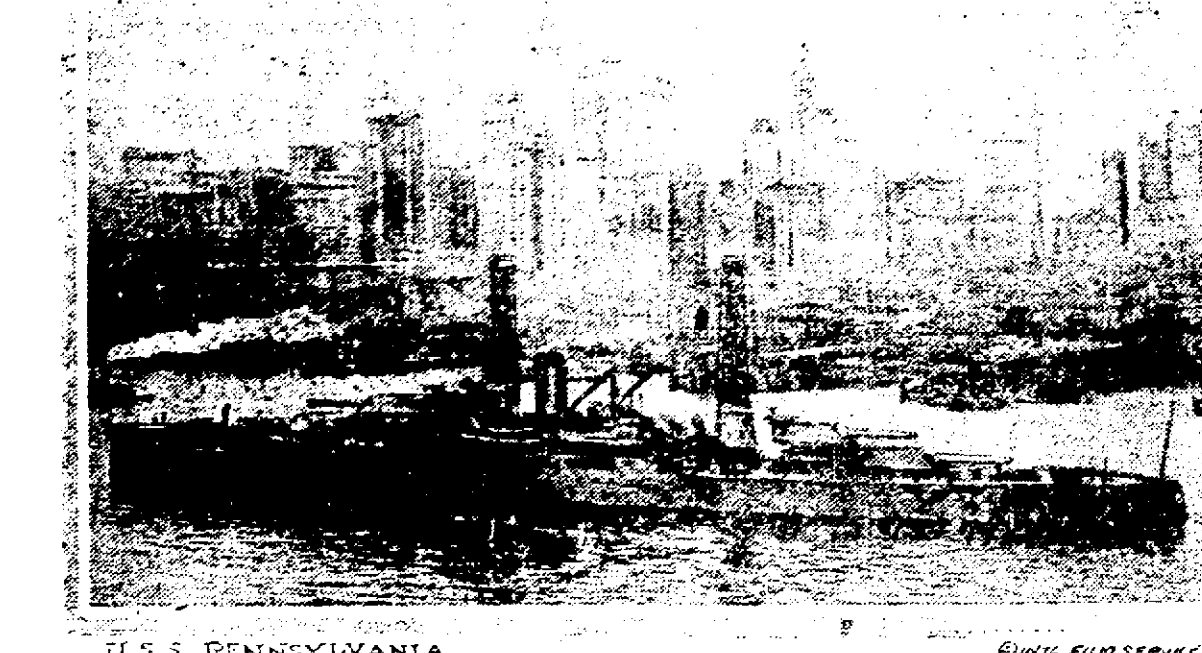
PORTCHESTER, N. Y., Dec. 14.—A theft charged against two small boys was dropped because the owner of the stolen goods—a set of false teeth—said he could not spare the evidence as he needed them three times a day to chew his meals.

# SEND IN YOUR LETTERS TO SANTA—THE TIMES-DEMOCRAT WILL PRINT THEM

The Times-Democrat is prepared to handle all of the Santa Claus letters the children of Lima and vicinity are desirous of sending to the jocular old fellow. If the little folk will get busy right away and let the great gift giver know of their wants, The Times-Democrat will see that all such epistles are delivered in plenty of time for 'Santa' to get everything in readiness for his long hike down from the land of reindeer and sled.

So, send the letters in early and The Times-Democrat will find space in which to print them. They will be printed in rotation, just as they reach this office. Mail them, or leave them at the business office of The Times-Democrat.

# UNCLE SAM'S GREAT FIGHTER ON WAY OUT TO SEA.



U.S.S. PENNSYLVANIA.

The super-dreadnought Pennsylvania photographed as she passed under the Brooklyn bridge, New York, en route to join the Atlantic fleet. The Pennsylvania has been undergoing minor repairs at the Brooklyn Navy Yard. The great battleship is 608 feet long and displaces 32,000 tons. Her 21,500 horse-power engines carry her tremendous bulk through the water at the rate of twenty-one knots an hour. She cost the nation \$7,260,000. Note the skyline of New York in the background and part of the Brooklyn bridge at the right.

## LAST LECTURE IN SERIES

"The Balkan States" Will be Subject of One at Olivet Church.

There is much talk of peace, yet the war still continues. The series of illustrated lectures, descriptive of the conditions in these countries, which has been given at the Olivet Presbyterian church the past few weeks, will close with the lecture on Friday night. All who have taken advantage of this opportunity are better acquainted with the actual situation in Europe.

The last lecture will be on "The Balkan States", illustrated with about fifty beautiful slides. These small states have always played an important part in the history of Europe, never more important than in the present conflict. They have had much to do with the progress of the struggle and will have much to do with the ending of the struggle.

At Olivet church on Friday evening more may be learned about them. Everyone is invited and no admission will be charged.

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## TELEPHONE MANAGER IS KILLED IN AUTO CRASH

BOWLING GREEN, O., Dec. 14.—Charles J. Rappaport, 29 years old, manager of the Bell Telephone company here, was instantly killed and two companions, Otto Young, 34, and Clyde DeLong, 30, were badly hurt when their automobile was struck by an Ohio Electric car near Tontogany at noon. The auto was badly wrecked.

## OIL LANDS BILL REFERRED TO SPECIAL COMMITTEE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Disparaging of securing through the ordinary legislative methods a satisfactory solution of the controversy over Senator Phelan's amendment to the oil lands bill, which would legalize disputed claims of many private holders of fuel oil lands in California, the senate lands committee decided to refer the entire question to a special committee of senators, representatives and officers of the navy, interior and justice departments.

## HOTEL MEN'S ASSOCIATION OPPOSED TO PROHIBITION

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 14.—Opposition to prohibition was voiced by the Ohio Hotel Men's Association, in annual convention here. While strict enforcement of the law is demanded, continual agitation is deplored as harmful to the state.

"We favor strict enforcement of every liquor law now on the statutes," reads the resolution. "But we oppose the continual injection of this question in political campaigns."

## Everything in Action—Schell's Book Store.

Purifying the Water. Waste water is purified by a process employing colloidal clay and milk of lime that has been invented by a French scientist.

## Had Him Beaten.

There is the good old tale of the second officer of the brig Lizzie W. Hunt of Portsmouth, Mo., who was in the act of upbraiding the able seaman, Aaron Tappin for his well-known weakness for rum. Said the second officer: "Tappin, you might have been a second officer like me, instead of a sailor before the mast." "Stow that stuff," answered the able seaman. "When I'm drunk I'm an admiral."

## SUIT AGAINST A LOCAL FIRM NEARS THE CLOSE

Closing arguments in the case of the Arthur Atwater Kent Manufacturing works against the Gramm-Bernstein company were made this afternoon in court and the case will reach the jury late this evening. The suit is for \$952.98, asked of the Gramm-Bernstein company for supplies in building their trucks. The Lima company set forth claims that the supplies were defective and they were unable to use them.

## DAN CUPID IS A WINNER

Once Again He Has Shown Stronger Than the Divorce Evil.

Dan Cupid scored on the divorce evil in two instances yesterday and today. Nora Hill, 24 years old, granted a divorce last Saturday, and restored to her maiden name of Nora Elizabeth Kline, will become the bride of Ray Cleveland Blair, 32, Lima policeman. He resides at 136 Harrison avenue, and she at 938 West North street. They secured their license today in probate court.

Charles A. Nichols, 40, chain-maker, of Wapakoneta, and Nellie Nichols, 36, of North Jackson street, his divorced wife, secured a license and were married for the second time yesterday afternoon.

A license was issued today to Ralph E. Wagner, 22, farmer, of Auglaize county, and Iva D. Fryer, 26, domestic, of Spencerville. The Rev. C. J. Hancock to officiate.

## CRAZY MAN KAYS MAYOR CLUTTER OF ADA, ON ROAD

ADA, O., Dec. 14.—Mayor Clutter, of Ada, was rapped on the head with a stove poker before he overpowered J. D. Ferguson, 52, of Vancouver, B. C., and lodged him in a cell.

Ferguson was taken from a Pennsylvania train when train officials said he was acting strangely. The railroad authorities were induced to take the man on to New York today, where he will be placed in charge of the British consul. He is bound for London.

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Give Footwear for Christmas

# JONES SIGNS CONTRACT TO CLEAN OUT OTTAWA RIVER



John H. Jones, successful bidder on the Ottawa river improvement project, signed a contract this morning to do the work at his bid price of 25 cents a cubic foot. The price at which he was awarded the job is \$21,000 under the estimate of the city engineer. He also gave bond in the sum equal to the amount at which he was given the contract.

## MASQUERADE DANCE.

A RIOT OF FUN AT STEIN HALL, THURSDAY EVENING.

## MERCHANT'S WIFE ADVISES LIMA WOMEN

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Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE. FRANK J. CHENEY. Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 10th day of December, A. D. 1916. A. W. GLEASON, (Seal) Notary Public.

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LAFAYETTE FARMER  
ASKS FOR DIVORCEAlta Garau Alleges Wife  
Will Not Help Him in His  
Work Out on the FarmSimilar Attempt on He-  
Part to Secure Separation  
Met With Flat Failure.

That the visits of her relatives to their home incited Mrs. Alta M. Garau to be quarrelsome, abusive and insulting to her husband, Calvin F. Garau, is one of the many allegations set forth in the petition for divorce, filed by the husband in court today. The couple were married in Lafayette on October 27, 1901, and have two children, Cleo DeWitt Garau, 14 years old, and Etta Naomi Garau, 8 years old.

Garau alleges that he is a farmer of little or no means and has always been able to do better on a farm than at any other kind of work. He is now living on his father's farm, this parents living with them. The farm is operated under a lease. The husband declares the wife continuously interfered with him in the management of the farm, calling his father harsh names, refusing to do the washing and providing meals for the family. On two different occasions she left their home and has been away since February of this year.

Mrs. Garau filed suit for divorce last spring, after she left his home. The case was dismissed for want of prosecution. Garau went into court shortly afterward and charged that the daughter Etta was stolen from the LaRue school in Jackson township by his wife's brother, Coral Hinkle. The custody of the daughter was granted Garau by the court and the son was given to the mother, temporarily.

In his divorce petition Garau says after being taken to the home of her mother's relatives, the child contracted pneumonia. Garau asks divorce and the custody of the two children.

LARGES NATION-WIDE BOYCOTT  
OF HIGH-PRICED FOODS.

GEORGE W. ANDERSON.

A nation-wide boycott of those foodstuffs the price of which speculators have raised is urged by George W. Anderson, United States attorney at Boston, who is in charge of the department of justice case into the causes of the most of living. Dr. Anderson made this declaration at a conference of the President Wilson at the White House. The measures advocated by Mr. Anderson, if followed out on the scale he suggests, would constitute the hugest boycott in the history of the country.

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## RAILWAY COMPANY TO APPEAL

Recent Trial of Schemmel Case at Wapak. Doesn't Suit O. L.

Motion for a new trial in the case of George Schemmel against the Ohio Electric Railway company for damages has been filed in common pleas court at Wapakoneta. Schemmel, injured in an August 1915, when a street car ran over his leg, is now in a hospital at St. Joseph's hospital and street car company. The jury on last Saturday returned a verdict for \$10,000.

The railway company is now appealing the verdict. The case was heard in the court of appeals, after a first trial, when Schemmel was awarded damages of \$10,000. The case was remanded back to the common pleas court for a new trial. The railway company is now appealing the verdict. The case was heard in the court of appeals, after a first trial, when Schemmel was awarded damages of \$10,000.

## VIRGIL SPURRIER FUNERAL IS FIXED FOR SATURDAY

Funeral services for Virgil H. Spurrier, who died yesterday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Spurrier of 152 Grove avenue, will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Epworth Methodist church. The Rev. J. W. Holland, pastor, will officiate. Interment will be at Woodlawn.

## DAUGHTERS OF VETERANS TO GIVE SCHOOL FLAG.

Elizabeth Turner tent, Daughters of Veterans of Lima, will present a flag to the high school of Cairo Friday. A special program has been arranged for the afternoon, when a handsome banner will be given to the school. A number of Daughters of Veterans from the city will attend the exercises. Charles H. Moses is superintendent of the Cairo schools.

**Coughed Fifteen Years.** Coughs that hang on and grow worse in the night are relieved by Foley's Honey and Tar. R. F. Hall, Mable, Va., writes: "For 15 years I was afflicted with a troublesome bronchial cough and irritation of the throat. Foley's Honey and Tar relieved me; and after taking one bottle, I am well."—tu-th-eat

Find what you want in THE TIMES WANT COLUMN.

## NORMAN HAPGOOD WEDS MISS ELIZABETH REYNOLDS

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Norman Hapgood, writer, and Miss Elizabeth Reynolds were married in the marriage chapel in the United States building by Deputy City Clerk Frank J. Goodman. The bride will sail for Europe tomorrow of the Finland. Mr. Hapgood gave her away and his bride at 11.

## THESE VANDALS WERE NOT THE LEAST BIT THIRSTY

Wanted yesterday entered the office of the O. & E. railroad at Glenmore and they were looking for the office but the vandals were not the least bit thirsty. The only things not molested were two jugs of whiskey.

It is evident that the purpose of entering the office was not to rob, as all the contents of the room have been accounted for.

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## MORE QUAIL ARE COMING

Allen County May Get in on a New Shipment From Mexico.

More than 2,600 pairs of quail from the northern part of Mexico will be sent to El Paso, Texas, and then to Ohio, according to arrangements being made by the state game warden. Efforts are being made to have some of the birds placed on farms surrounding Lima.

J. W. Kirgen, member of the fish and game section of the agricultural board, states that representatives of the board will accompany the Ohio state fish car to Texas to see that the birds are properly fed and watered in the trip across the country.

The cost of the birds to the state amounts to a goodly sum, but it is believed that the additional birds will give hunters a chance to again pursue the quail, which has been closed to hunters for a number of years. Money derived from the sale of hunters' licenses will be used to pay for the birds.

**MASQUERADE DANCE.** A riot of fun at Stein Hall, Thursday, 12-13-16, day evening.

## DOCTORS TO MEET AT WAPAK

Physicians of Allen and Auglaize Counties Assemble Tonight.

Physicians of Allen and Auglaize counties will meet in joint session tonight at the City Building in Wapakoneta. The meeting is arranged by the Auglaize county association, of which Dr. C. L. Mueller is secretary and who has issued the invitations. The program will begin at 8 o'clock and the meeting will be largely attended by Lima and Allen county doctors.

Dr. W. E. Hoyer, of Lima, will read a paper on "Incipient Tuberculosis."

Dr. C. C. Berlin, of Wapakoneta, Dr. C. P. McKee, of St. Marys, and Dr. C. L. Dine, of Minster, will take part in the discussion. "Gall Stones" will be the subject of the paper to be given by Dr. T. J. Thomas. Drs. H. S. Noble, W. H. Hoyer and C. L. Meekstroth, of Wapakoneta, are on for discussion of this subject.

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## Caps

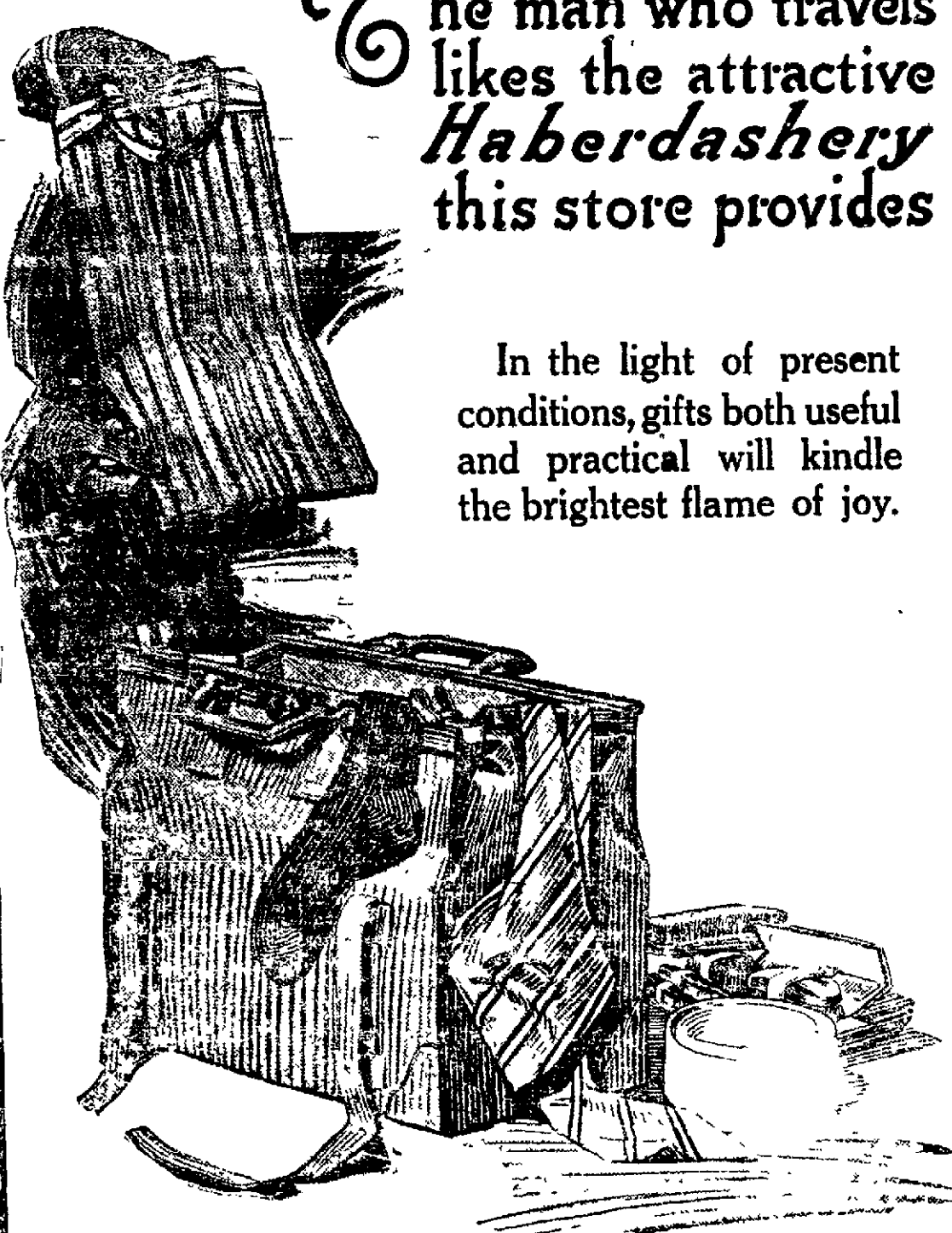
Men's and boys' caps, either with or without interlining in plain colors and fancy mixtures, 50c and \$1.

## Hosiery for "Him"

Men's pure silk hosiery, reinforced heel and toe, the best ever. Grey, black, tan, pearl, champagne, white, navy, 35c; 3 pair for \$1, and, the pair, 50c and \$1. Put up in fancy Holiday boxes.

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|----------------|--------------------|------------------|
| House Coats    | Xmas Neckwear      | Hats             |
| Lounging Robes | Silk Hose          | Fur Caps         |
| Bath Robes     | Pajamas            | Umbrellas        |
| Sweater Coats  | Night Robes        | Leather Goods    |
| Fancy Vests    | Holiday Jewelry    | Novelties        |
| Silk Scarfs    | Xmas Handkerchiefs | Bags, Trunks     |
| Silk Shirts    | Gloves             | Suit or Overcoat |
|                |                    | Suit Cases       |

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|----------------------------------|------|
| Port Roast, the lb.              | 15c  |
| Pork Chops, the lb.              | 18c  |
| 2 lbs. Lincoln Oleomargarine for | .43c |
| 3 pkgs. Savoy Oats for           | .25c |
| Succotash, the can               | .10c |
| 10 lbs. Granulated Sugar with    |      |
| \$1.50 grocery order for         | .75c |
| Fancy Baldwin Apples, the pk.    | .40c |

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|---|--------|
| Boys' gun metal dress shoes, button or lace. Will make a fine Christmas present.                                  | \$2.48 |
| Women's patent colt button, cloth top dress shoes   | \$2.98 |
| Women's left comfy house slippers. Colors are blue, silver, o'chid, brown and grey. Put up in Christmas boxes, at | 98c    |
| Women's dark grey kid, lace boots   | \$3.48 |
| Children's patent colt jockey boots. Black or red tops  | \$1.39 |
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**GOOD EVENING**--Don't shop at all if you're going to give a present just to get one.

Maybe the reason Villa gave up Chihuahua is that he doesn't like city life.

Maybe the reason shoes went up is because the paper they use in the soles advanced in price.

It will be all right if the woman "congressman" doesn't move to recess every 15 minutes so she can change hats.

Some women's popularity with the stronger sex is due to the fact that someone circulated a report that they have money.

The Kaiser sprung his peace proposal just a little sooner than the boys about the base burner at the cigar store had arranged for.

Incidentally, Lima people should not forget that beautiful old English custom of keeping a lighted candle in the window Christmas eve.

Speaking of sweeping changes, that's what the average Lima housewife wants. A change from the broom to a vacuum cleaner.

Since the members of Co. C can't get home for Christmas, they would probably like to make Mr. Villa a present of a gates-a-jar.

There's always a lot of time spent in picking out something for Mother, but Father can always safely wager that he's going to get a tie.

If the Henry Ford peace party had postponed their journey until along about now, they'd have had something to talk about when they got home.

We sincerely hope to get by this Christmas without having someone send us a lot of cigars that smell when they're burning like some fellow was shoeing a horse.

Another thing that convinces us that Lima is still the best town on the map, is the smile the fellow hands you when he says: "I'm glad to see you back."

The timely arrival of a mail-carrier at Marion saved a woman's life. She owes her good luck to the fact that it wasn't a messenger boy making the trip.

While we stand committed to the fact that living expenses are a bit higher than for some time, it is pleasing to note that there are more men with good jobs and money in the bank than ever before.

Uncle Sam's agents say they are desirous of securing a location for the new \$11,000,000 armor plant a quiet, non-congested spot that will be free from the peering eyes of the public. Give it to Findlay.

**A NEW THEORY**

We've heard this man's reason and that man's theory as to the high cost of living. Now let's give a Lima woman an opportunity to express an opinion concerning it.

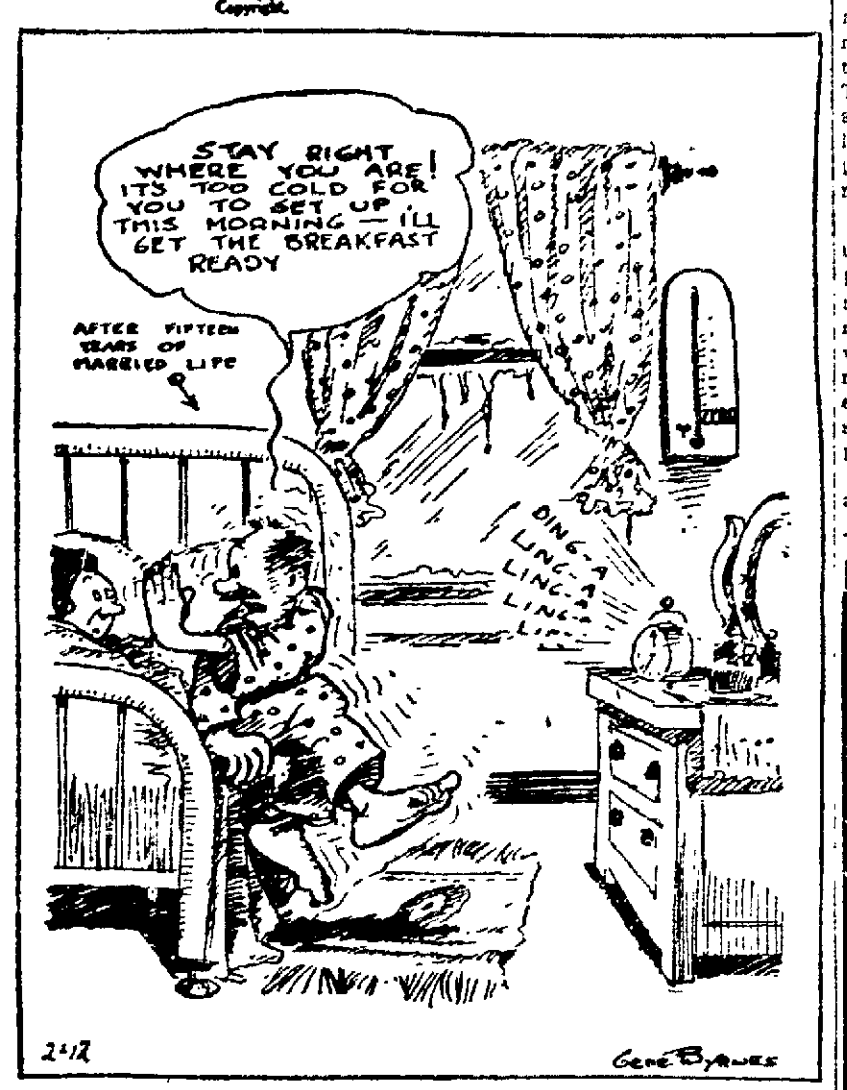
The Lima woman with a novel opinion regarding the cost of living declares that much of it is due to a lack of business management on the part of house-keepers. She argues that from time immemorial women have been good at cleaning and cooking and in superintending servants who perform these tasks. But, she says, few wives, even those whose husbands have small incomes, take the trouble to keep household accounts or to buy with careful regard to cost and the tricks of short weight and measure. Some, she says, do not even count their change.

Her argument is interesting, and places the high cost of living before us in a new light. She makes that argument still stronger when she says nowadays, when so many women work and so many girls who have had business experience marry, there is hope that wives will appreciate more the value of money and learn to give to the pecuniary side of housekeeping that attention which the manager of an industrial plant gives to its expenses.

**THE SOUTH'S TURN**

It is interesting to learn that after an eclipse of 56 years, a Southern state is going to hold a Centennial Exposition. There are yet many ready to argue New Orleans and

**THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN**



**Teach Girls Less "Culture" and More of the Graces of Life**

Dorothy Dix Pleads for a School Where Young Women Can Learn to Read Aloud Pleasingly, to Write a Note Easily and Correctly, to Carry Themselves Well, to Talk Entertainingly--and Above All to Wear Pretty Clothes and Adorn the World.

By DOROTHY DIX.  
WHILE they are talking about vocational schools, don't you wish that somebody would start a school where they would teach a girl:

First--To read. Not to elocute. Not to recite "Little Ma-a-bles with Her Pa-ace Against the Window Pa-a-ane" or "Curfew Shall Not Ring Tonight," but to read intelligently, sympathetically, delightfully, in the refined, cultivated speaking voice that is the most beautiful music in the world.

The art of reading aloud has become a lost art, and not one person in a thousand can read even a paragraph from the daily paper without it being an affliction so great that it is not to be borne with patience.

A Well Written Letter, With Words Spelled Correctly, Is a Mark of Ability.

Most of us are aware that neither we nor our friends know how to read, and so we would no more think of asking casual acquaintances to read aloud to us than we would ask for an air from grand opera. Yet there is no other accomplishment in the world more to be desired than the ability to read aloud.

**FOR YOUR SCRAP BOOK**

**A CHRISTMAS CAROL.**  
In the stillness of the midnight,  
In the silence of the Star,  
In the slumber of the white lambs.  
On the hillside, near and far,  
Came the Christ Child to his mother,  
To the humble oxen's stall.  
He, the Babe of Paradise, sweet;  
Lord of Christmas, King of all.

Hush, let not a word be spoken  
Of His sacrifice for men,  
Stooping from his world of glory  
To be woman-born; a pen  
Of sweet straw to be his cradle.  
He is ours, just ours, today,  
Mark that mortal smile, that shining  
Of the halo in the bay.

While the palm trees rustle softly,  
While his lullaby, the breeze,  
Croons amid the angel's anthem  
Which the star-lit heaven cleaves,  
We will claim him ours, our treasure,  
Christmas Babe, and treasure divine  
Hail, thrice hail, O mystic stranger  
Nesting in thy straw-Bled manger.  
Helen Chase, in Brooklyn Eagle.

**POINTED PARAGRAPHS.**

Cold cash covers a multitude of freckles.

An unwelcome guest is one of the best things going.

A short life and a merry one is the kind the undertakers like.

How we would like to see all the kickers and knockers fight to a finish.

Don't think because a man buys a volume of poetry that he will read it.

How a woman enjoys seeing a man fool himself thinking he's fooling her.

All things come to him who waits even an almshouse and the undertaker.

Ever notice that the compliments some people hand you always leave a bitter taste?

Nothing seems to worry a girl more than taking on flesh while she's the victim of requited love.

A woman doesn't mind being caught in a shower--that is, if she has one of those complexions guaranteed not to run.

son to do this as it is to do any-  
thing else.

No, it is true that not every woman can be beautiful but no one need be hideously ugly if she will take the trouble to dress properly. The simplest frock may be chosen of a pretty color and made on lovely lines, the cheapest shirtwaist may be put on properly instead of hit-or-miss.

For the woman who is frowzy and untidy, for the woman whose skirts hike up in front and down in the back, whose belt and skirt miss connection, and the various colorists of whose raiment swear at each other, no excuse can be made. She is an eyesore to man, a blot on the landscape, and she has frustrated the plan for which she was made.

The remedy for this is education, and it is far more important that a

girl should be taught to have some sense of color, and value of lines, and given some knowledge of how to dress herself properly than it is that she should be given a smattering of theologies and ums.

In short, don't you wish you knew of some school to which you could send your daughter where she could be taught the accomplishment of being a lady? And isn't that about the highest education that you can give to any girl?

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## PRESIDENT CONFERS WITH COL. HOUSE

**Calls Confidential Agent as Soon as Word Comes of Teuton Peace Proposal.**

**State Department to Sound Out Entente Governments As to the Proposition.**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Germany expected her peace suggestions might be rejected when she made them. Advice received in diplomatic circles here make this very plain. But the suggestions are expected by the Germans to bear fruit next year when Germany hopes once more to be able to stand off a joint offensive by the entente armies on all fronts. Her peace suggestions are advanced to the people of her enemies, not their officials, the confidential advice reaching here from Berlin say. And when the enormous casualty lists again are piling up the Teutonic government hopes that yesterday's offer will be reconsidered.

The president had his closest advisor, Colonel E. M. House, as a White House guest. He sent for him yesterday when word came of Germany's offer to discuss peace terms, which has greatly stirred the president, whose most earnest desire is to aid in restoring peace to bloodstained Europe. And his advisers say that if he can find a way to press home his hopes at this time he will do so.

Colonel House returned to New York on the 12:30 train. Before leaving he conferred with Secretary of State Lansing. It was admitted that the general situation was canvassed and it was positively stated that no definite decision as to the president's course of action was reached. The obstacles in the way of urging the entente allies to accept the German peace proposals are believed to be almost insurmountable, it is understood. The state department will try to sound out the British, French and Russian governments through the American ambassadors immediately and the president may base his action on the result.

Whether Colonel House will go to Europe in the near future as the personal representative of the president will not be decided until after the attitude of the entente is known. The colonel said on leaving the city that he has made no steamer reservations as yet. He intimated that the situation is so delicate and will require such careful handling, that

the president may impose absolute secrecy upon every one handling it. The notes handed to the diplomatic representatives of the United States in the capitals of Germany, Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey have not yet reached Washington. They are expected to arrive between noon and noon tomorrow. Immediately they will be transmitted to the various entente capitals for presentation to the governments.

President Wilson has not fully decided whether he will accompany these notes with a renewed offer of mediation by the United States and other neutral nations. At the White House it was intimated today that he hopes to find some way of suggesting to the entente governments that the United States would like to aid in bringing about peace at once. But whether he can do this without causing offense has not yet been decided.

**MISS ARNOLD'S FATHER NOW THINKS HER DEAD**

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—"My daughter is dead."

With these words Francis R. Arnold, wealthy importer, met inquirers attracted to his home by the sixth anniversary of the disappearance of beautiful Dorothy Arnold.

The father of the famous lost girl is now almost 80 years old. He has spent \$100,000 searching for her. His representatives still investigate thoroughly the clues which keep coming to them.

But Mr. Arnold has lost hope of ever finding her alive. He believes she must have met with foul play, although there was little in the circumstances surrounding her disappearance December 12, 1910, while on a Fifth avenue shopping expedition, to suggest such a solution of the mystery.

**EXPERT PICTURE FRAMING AT SCHELL'S BOOK STORE.**

**MRS CREPS WILL SPEAK AT BLUFFTON ON SUNDAY**

Mrs. Eva Creps, of Lima, Bible instructor and prominent in the work of Sunday schools, will speak at the morning service at the Church of Christ in Bluffton, Sunday morning. Mrs. Creps is affiliated with the Central Church of Christ and is prominent in uplift work at Mizpah chapel.

**How to Check That Cold.**  
When it is painful to breathe and fever sends chills up and down your back, you are in for a cold. A timely dose of Dr. Bell's Pine Tar Honey will stop the sneezes and sniffles. The pine balsam loosens the phlegm and clears the bronchial tubes, the honey soothes and relieves the sore throat. The antiseptic qualities kill the germ and the congested condition is relieved. Croup whooping cough and chronic bronchial affections quickly relieved. At all Druggists, 25c.

## MARGARET WILSON ACTS AS CHAIRMAN

**President's Daughter Presides at Session of American Civic Association.**

**Miss Wilson is Personally Interested in Work of the Body at National Capital.**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Miss Margaret Wilson, daughter of the president, was the presiding officer at the Wednesday session of the twelfth annual convention of the American Civic Association, which opened a three-day meeting here yesterday.

The afternoon session was chiefly devoted to consideration of the use of the school as a community center. Miss Wilson has been personally active in this work in the District of Columbia, and there is today a bill before congress which may give to the people of Washington the right to use their schools as community gathering places.

Dr. Henry E. Jackson, of the United States bureau of education, addressed the afternoon session on this topic and his talk was followed by the address of Percy Mackaye, playwright, who discussed the community drama movement.

At the morning session reports were read of five organizations whose work is affiliated with the American Civic Association. These were the General Federation of Women's Clubs, the National Municipal League, the Ontario Horticultural Association, the American Society of Landscape Architects and the American Institute of Architects.

Tonight the delegates will be entertained by the Washington Real Estate Board, and officials of the war department will outline the plans of the government for beautifying Potomac park, the future municipal playground of the District of Columbia.

Tomorrow morning Jesse Lee Bennett, of Baltimore, Md., will discuss the billboard nuisance and Mrs. Imogen B. Oakley, of Philadelphia, will outline the work of the association's committee on unnecessary city noises. At this same session, a movie production, produced by the members of the Louisville Ky. Women's Civic Association and written by Mrs. Alice Hegar Rice, author of "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch," will be given. The afternoon session will be devoted to country planning. Addresses and papers will be read on this subject by Professor Frank A. Waugh,

of the Massachusetts Agricultural college at Amherst, Mass.; Herbert Quick, Jr., of the Federal Farm Loan board; Mrs. John Dickinson Sherman, of the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Chicago, and Professor H. F. Francis.

At tomorrow night's session, the annual report of the president, J. Horace McFarland, of Harrisburg, Pa., will be delivered. R. H. Marshall, director of the National Park service, will speak, as will as Herbert W. Gleason, of Boston, Mass., and Enos Mills, chairman of the association's national park committee. The general subject of city planning will be considered at the closing session on Friday.

## CENTENNIAL MEETING TONIGHT

**Bluffton Citizens Will Hear Plans for Celebration Explained.**

Preliminary plans for the celebration of the Allen county centennial will be announced at the illustrated lecture by Lion John Switzer, to be given at the high school auditorium at Bluffton this evening. Frank A. Burkhardt and T. P. Riddle, of Lima, will address the audience. The centennial will be held the week of August 6 and will be a county affair. A meeting will be held at Spencerville on Saturday evening for the purpose of boosting the centennial.

**Measuring Machine.**  
A Philadelphia inventor's measuring machine for persons seeking public employment indicates by an electrical device any effort on the part of a man to exaggerate his height.

## PRIDE OF LIMA FLOUR

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## GOOD PROGRAM IS ARRANGED

**Excellent Talent Selected for the Farmers' Institute at Elida.**

Wednesday and Thursday, December 27 and 28, have been selected as the dates for holding the Farmers' Institute at Elida, and the committee on arrangements has not only provided a splendid program, but one that insures a highly enjoyable time for all who attend.

The speakers include such well-known people as Horatio Markley of Mt. Pleasant; M. E. McNutt of Wooster; Dr. Mary E. Anderson; George S. Fry of Fremont. The Ladies' Institute is to be held on Wednesday afternoon, and some good speakers are scheduled for talks.

S. D. Critch is president of the Institute; D. H. Counsellor, vice pres-

ident, and Abner Brenneman, secretary. The executive committee consists of: J. W. Goyer and Samuel Lutz, Amanda township; M. H. Brenneman and Cyrus Staver, German township; E. H. Irvin and Geo. Williams, Sugar Creek township; Theo. W. Ditto and Wm. Miller, Marion township; F. W. Baxter, Elida.

## EVANGELIST GETS CALL

**Rev. Brundige Invited to Pastorate at South Bend, Ind.**

Rev. W. A. Brundige, of West Spring street, Lima, who is engaged in evangelistic work, has been extended a call to the Second Church of Christ, of South Bend, Ind. He will likely accept the call and so permanently to the Indiana city. His

will begin evangelistic services there next Sunday. He has recently finished a series of services at Dufford, Ohio, where he met with great success.

He was for five years pastor of the Church of Christ at Bluffton and moved to Lima only this fall.

**Stopped Children's Croup Cough.**

"Three weeks ago two of my children began choking and coughing, and I saw they were having an attack of croup," writes Billie Mayberry, Robert, Ga. "I got a bottle of Eddy's Honey and Tar and gave them a dose before bedtime. Next morning their cough and all signs of croup was gone." H. F. Vorkamp, Lu-tu-thi

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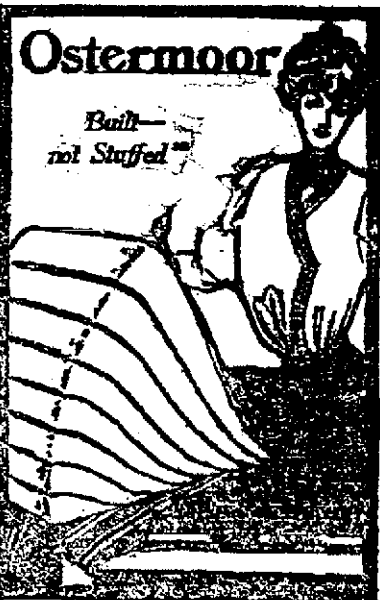
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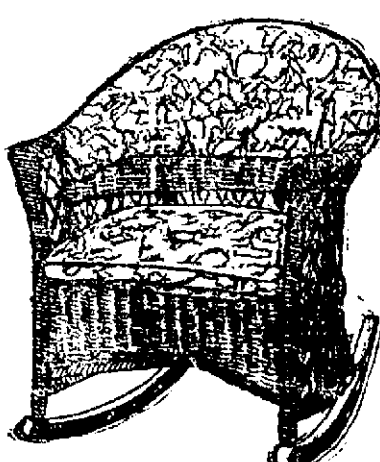
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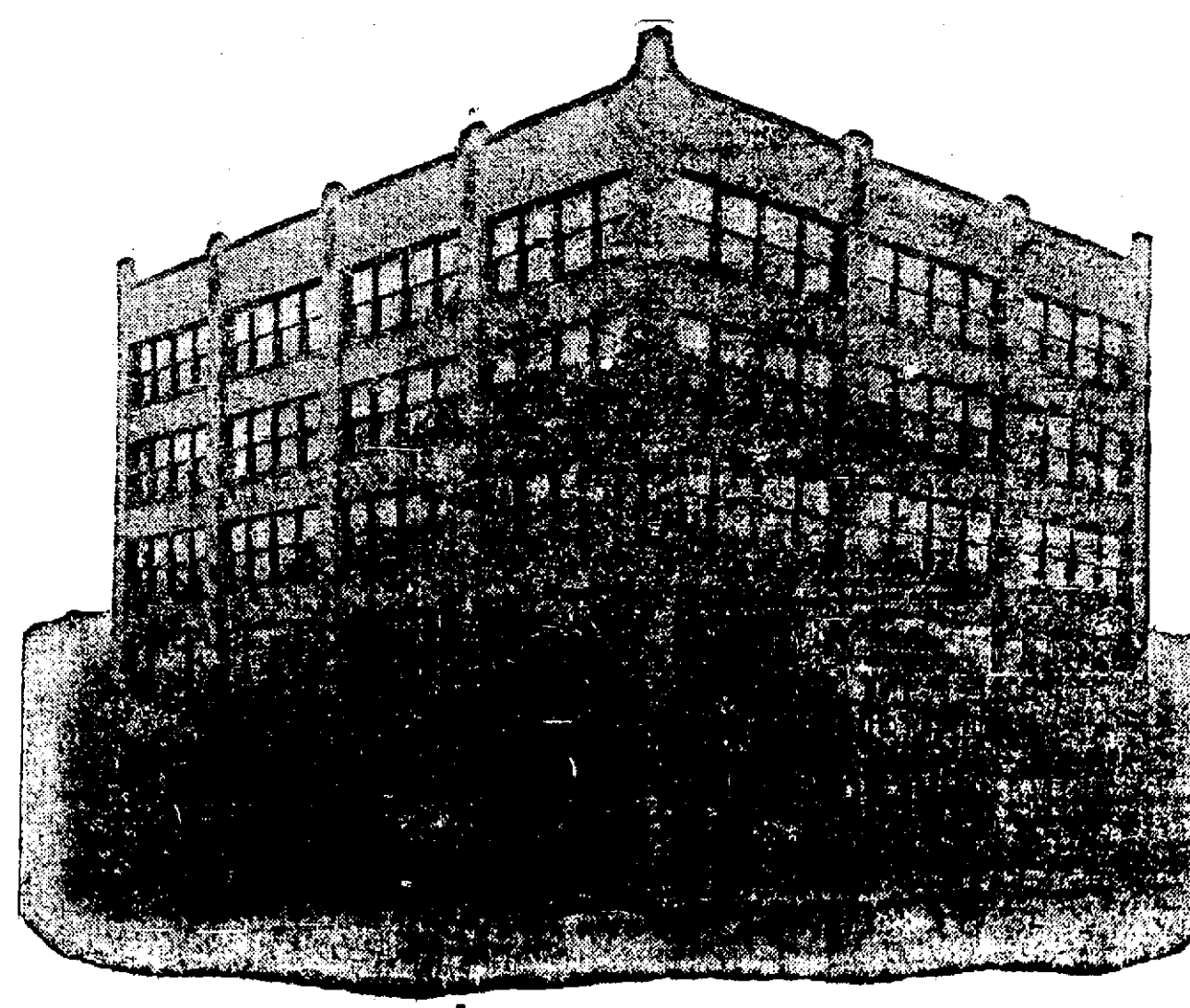
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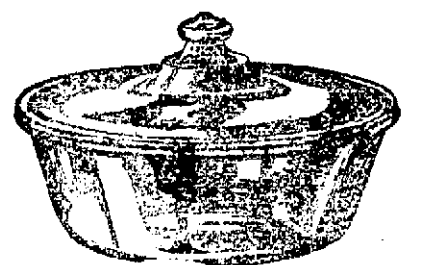
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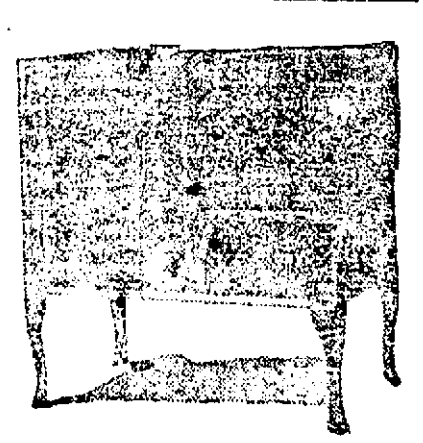
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## MANY NOVEL ACTS ON ORPHEUM BILL

Bart McHugh's Musical  
Comedy Revue Headlines  
a Well Chosen Program.

Francis Bushman and Beverly Bayne Are at the  
for Faurot This Evening

A vaudeville program filled with novelties will be the offering at the Orpheum theatre the last half of this week, as a special feature Bart McHugh presents "The Lawn Party," a musical comedy in revue form with Florence Hughes and company of juvenile entertainers, an act that will prove one of the most pleasing of the season. It is filled with comedy, pretty girls, plenty of catchy song hits, and comedians who will provide a laugh from start to finish.

Four other good acts comprise the program. Kayne and Bowman, in a singing and musical novelty; Joe Chadwick and Jim Young in a most laughable skit entitled "The Constable and the Maniac"; Marinella, sensational gymnast; and Sallie Bacous in a very novel vaudeville offering, complete the offering.

Tonight after the regular second performance, as an added attraction, the "Country Store," which has proven so popular and which furnishes so much opportunity for laughter.

### THE FAUROT'S PICTURES.

Francis X. Bushman and Beverly Bayne are at the Faurot today in the new Metro production, "In the Diplomatic Service." It is the first screen appearance of this popular stellar combination since their magnificent "Romeo and Juliet." Their present vehicle is an adaptation of a story by John C. Clymer and Hamilton Smith. Mr. Bushman himself prepared the story for the screen and personally supervised the production. The romance, intrigue and social features of diplomatic circles are cleverly brought out amid a number of most impressive scenes. In one of these, the diplomats' ball at Washington a host of brilliantly garbed men and women are used. The feature is accompanied by "Henry's Thanksgiving," a delicious little comedy with Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Drew in the leading roles; new Florence Rose Fashions, which present "Betty and Her Bridesmaids," and interesting Paramount Pictographs.

### FAUROT—"WATCH YOUR STEP!"

If there be any doubt about the revival of dancing in this country, and abroad, for the matter of that, if there is any question as to the widespread popularity of what we may call the newer school—the school of grace and poetry and youth, the adaptation to the drawing room and the ballroom of the training and nobility of the Russian ballet—it will be dispelled by seeing "Watch Your Step," which will be presented at the Faurot Saturday afternoon and night.

"Watch Your Step" will make its bow as something different. It is a synopsized musical comedy. Book by Irving B. Smith, music and lyrics by that popular composer of songs, Irving Berlin, which are exceptional in quality, admirably orchestrated and unfailingly tuneful. After you have paid attention to the music, you can begin to enjoy this rattling, laughing, bright show. If on ylike minstrel shows, you will hear the sublimation of minstrel shows, with one black-face comedian, if you like pantomime of the English Christmas variety, you may have that, too, and very good of its kind. If you like dancers who can dance, and singers who can sing, and a chorus that is nimble and good to look at and musically O. K.—we include the men with the girls—there is plenty of it. When the show starts, it goes with a swing and a snap. The cast is thiptop from start to finish. The settings and costumes are rich—even gorgeous. There are no dull moments from the Metropolitan opera to the old stage door, the presentation is exceptional. We will go to the length and predict record houses for engagement in this city.

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Speaker's Specialty Raising of Berries and Small Fruits.

"A Winter Hopechest For the Farmer's Wife" is listed among the lectures which will be delivered by George S. Fry of Fremont, O., during the two days of the coming Farmers' Institute. Mr. Fry's specialties, however, are berries, small fruits and market gardening, in which he has been engaged for the past twelve years. For twenty years previous to this he carried on general farming. This he has turned over to tenants. In order to devote himself to fruit raising altogether.

"My best success has been with berries and small fruit," comments Mr. Fry. Among the subjects which he will discuss are "Vegetables and Small Fruits," "Methods of Growing and Marketing," and "Varieties." Relating to management is his lecture "Landlord and Tenant." He also talks on "Rural Education, Past, Present and Future."

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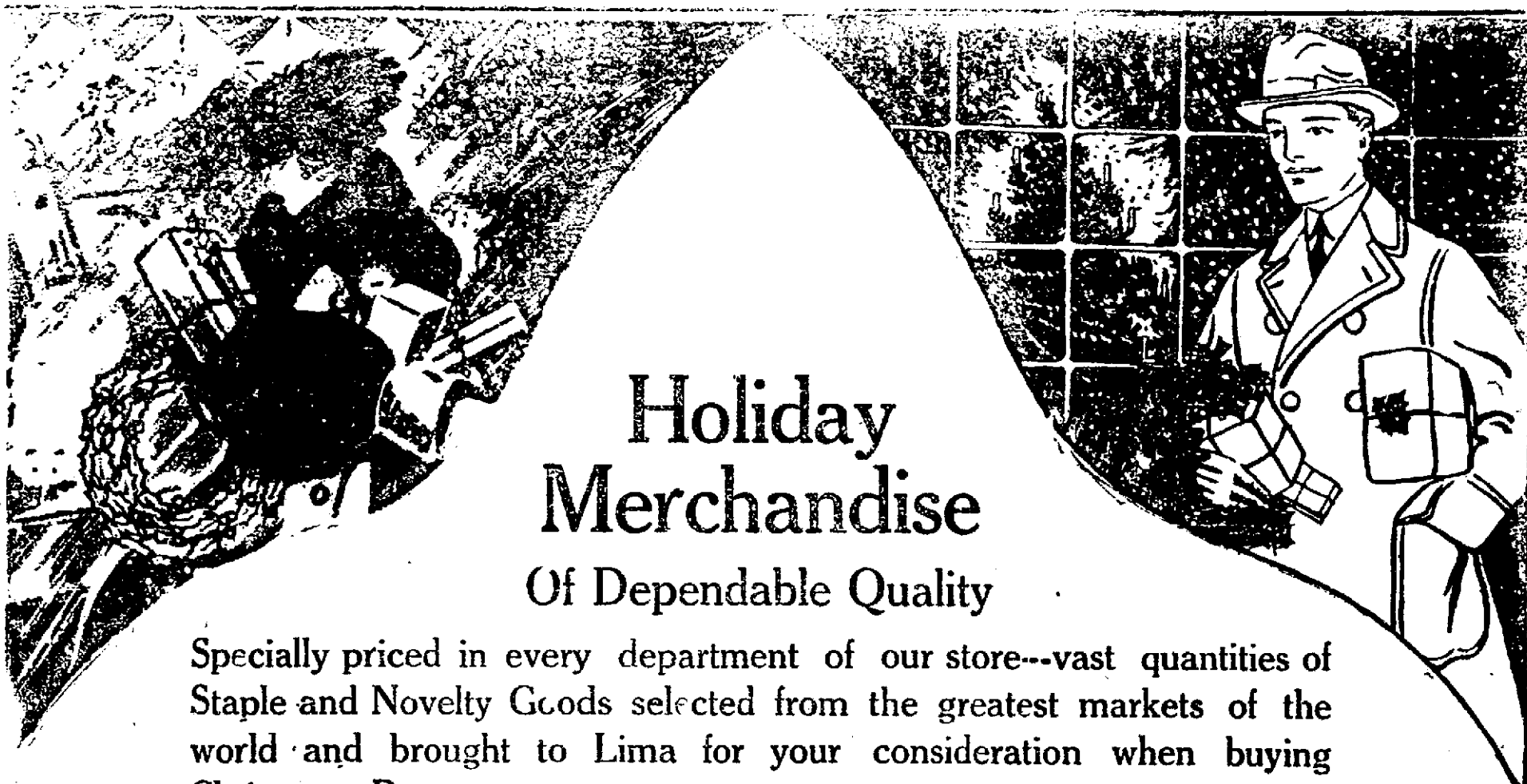
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A pretty assortment women's boudoir caps, of crepe de chine, georgette, chiffon, messeline and net, daintily trimmed with ribbons, lace, beads and fur.

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Shaving sets, smoking sets, ash trays, toilet sets, hat brushes, clothes brushes, hair brushes in leather and silk lined cases.

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### FRAMED PICTURES

And Mottoes—with pretty subjects and verses, in neat frames of antique gold and veneer.

Price Range 33c to \$1.19

### BRACELETS FOR WOMEN

Misses and Childrens, in flat, oval and filagree patterns with colored stones, engraved, or plain gold.

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### ATTRACTIVE SILK RIBBONS

For fancy work, sashes, hair bows, etc., in taffeta, satin, moire, brocades, dresdens, plaids, stripes, etc., and a complete line of plain satins in all widths and colors.

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### CASQUES, COMBS AND PINS FOR PRESENTS

Late style hair ornaments in casque combs, large assortment of styles and shapes with pearl, rhinestone and brilliant settings.

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### JAPANESE BAMBOO WARE

Fruit, waste paper and sewing baskets, sandwich, and serving trays—flower pots and baskets of different shapes, useful and ornamental.

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### Very Extraordinary Assortment of Men's and Women's HOLIDAY UMBRELLAS

Men's and Women's fine cotton taffeta, silk and linen, and pure dyed silk covers, mounted with handles of rose-wood, ebony, trimmed with ivory, gold, silver, loop-cords, etc. Specially constructed models, for both men and women. Folding umbrellas that will go into a 15 inch traveling bag.

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Are very popular. Our Holiday assortment is complete—pearl sets, stone clusters, oriental drops.

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### FINGER RINGS

Neat novelties in shirt waist and dinner styles of sterling, gold plate, with cameo, and colored stones.

Price Range 50c to \$1.00

### FILAGREE SILVER PLATED NOVELTIES

In cream and sugars, mustard cup, vinegar and oil bottles, salt and pepper holders, relish trays, bud vases, etc.

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### MERNIE COMBINATION CAP AND BAG

A present that can be used as a boudoir cap or a hair receiver or a dancing cap or a bag for chamois and handkerchief—silk, stin, georgette, etc.

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Waist pins, La Vallieres, etc., in gold plate, solid gold, stone settings, chinch diamond settings. Many designs to choose from.

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SPECIAL FEATURE  
H. BART McHUGH Presents

## "THE LAWN PARTY"

A Musical Comedy in Revue Form, with FLORENCE HUGHES and A COMPANY OF CLEVER JUVENILES

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PLENTY OF FUN



# NEW ORGANIZATION INTERESTS CHURCH

One Body of Women Charity Workers Brings in a Request For Ten Names.

Better Not Lose This Opportunity to Make Yourself and Others Very Happy.

And even the church people are interested in the Santa Claus Club. Yesterday a lady visited the office and requested the Santa Claus editor to forward to her club before Christmas the names of ten poor children who are deserving a little Christmas gift this season. She stated that the ladies of the little church organization to which she belongs desire to make ten little hearts happy. And the names will be forwarded to her.

Among the number of Santa Claus blanks coming in are several from children themselves. They are in position to enjoy Christmas, and their parents will give them whatever they desire. Santa Claus will be good to them and they desire to share their happiness with the little ones who are poorer and less fortunate than themselves.

It's a good thing, this playing Santa Claus yourself. There is no simpler way nor a better way than that offered through The Times-Democrat Santa Claus Club. You merely cut out the blank, found in this issue, and give your name and address. Then fill in the space with the number of children—poor children and actually deserving of presents—that you care to give to. A few days before Christmas the number of names you ask for will be sent direct to you. Then you give the children whatever you desire. In this way your gift maybe as expensive or as cheap as you desire. It is left to you to play Santa Claus yourself.

That is where your own happiness comes in.

Won't you join now, so the names can be forwarded you in time to make one or more little hearts happy.

## THE COTSWOLDS.

Traveler by Nicksal.

The Cotswolds are another example of the variety of natural scenery that England succeeds in packing away within her narrow seaboard boundaries. Here, within three hours of the largest city in the world, you can walk in complete loneliness, over a grassy road that follows the route laid out by Roman engineers, with a tumbled skyline of real mountains on your right, and a sweep of empty fields falling away to the left. You can take tea in an old Roman villa, where the tiled courtyard is still smooth and tight, you can sleep in an inn that has apparently not changed its habits or its bill of fare since the days of Richard the Crusader.

As mountains, the Cotswolds cannot pretend to any great eminence or boldness. They have no attractions for the man who wishes to brave steep cliffs, or for him who would travel for a week on end through a single pine-dark valley. They are the well-bred little hills compared to the Alps or the Rockies, but they have the true mountain flavor of loneliness and sturdy charm. The occasional farmhouse does little to spoil the effect; rather it enhances the peculiar feeling of isolation that grows as you travel, for a single human dwelling only serves to set off loneliness.

And the roads are a perpetual delight. The King's Highway winds through these hills—a public road that would cost the landed proprietor who owns the ground on either side of it half his fortune in local expenses to close up. English law has not made for equal distribution of land, but it is insistent on keeping the roads open. This is a fortunate thing for the stray traveler: you can follow the grassy track through lands so quiet and smoothly green that you are sure again and again that you have gone astray and wandered into the heart of some nobleman's game preserve. At night the highway brings you to some quiet village, Northleach or Wincombe, stern and gloomy with gray stone and taciturn people, English to the core. You sit in some low-ceiled inn parlor and try to realize that London is only three hours away.

## NINE NEW COMPANIES ARE INCORPORATED IN OHIO

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 14.—Following articles of incorporation were filed today:

Standard Lumber Company, Post-toria, \$150,000; John H. O'Leary, National Process Company, Cleveland, \$10,000; Camillo Taussig, Reik Realty Company, Cleveland, \$10,000; Will G. Guenther, Cambridge Brick Company, Cambridge, \$10,000; H. C. Callahan, Fitzpatrick and Hoepfner Company, Columbus, \$10,000; George A. Springmeyer, General Radiators Company, Cleveland, \$50,000; Joseph O. Cornier, C. J. Krehbiel Company, Cincinnati, \$50,000; C. J. Krehbiel, L-E-M-P Investment Company, Cleveland, \$16,000; John B. Laurie.

A want ad in The Times-Democrat will work wonders.

# DADDY'S EVENING FAIRY TALE

By MARY GRAHAM BONNER

## JACK FROST'S WORK.

"Well, I must get to work," said Jack Frost as he started off early one Evening.

"Ha, ha," he laughed to himself, "I shall play a good joke on them all. They didn't think I was going to come a-calling tonight. Ha, ha, ha," and Jack Frost laughed again.

Then he called his little helpers to him. "Come my Silver Frost Boys," he said. And along came a great many little Boys with bright Red Cheeks, Silver Suits and Silver Hats. They were very cold looking, but as their cheeks were red it showed they were warm themselves. Ent oh, how Cold they would have made anyone who looked at them.

"Have you the Tools ready?" asked Jack Frost. "I feel just like drawing some beautiful Pictures this Evening on the Window Panes. How about it, little Frost boys? Do you feel like doing a good Night's work?"

And the Frost Boys laughed and said, "We're always ready for this sort of work, Jack, it's just like Play for us."

"The naughty Breezes and the old Wind Patrons are all asleep," said Jack Frost. "It's a good Night, my Boys, a good, still Night."

Then Jack Frost and the Frost Boys went along on their Night's adventure. First they went to an old fashioned Garden in which lovely Flowers were sleeping quietly.

"Hello," said Jack Frost, as he slipped the ear of one Flower.

"Oh Jack Frost," called the Flower. "I want more Summer. I don't want to see the Winter come and the Flowers go. I like the Sun and the South Wind and—and—" But Jack Frost had waved his Silver Shovel over the Flower, and it dropped its Head—for it had been Frost Bitten!

"Flowers are so selfish," said Jack Frost. "Here they have a long Summer and Sunshine and warmth and a good time. People give them drinks of Water from Watering Pots when it hasn't rained in a long time, and when weeds grow up around them, some one comes and digs the weeds up. They're spoiled, that's what's the trouble."

And the Frost Boys said, "That's what's the trouble."

As they said this their voices sounded so Cold that a great many Flowers dropped over with fear. "Oh those Cold, Cold voices," they said as they began to droop and drop their heads.

Then Jack Frost and the Frost Boys waved their Silver Shovels over all the Flowers—except just a few they passed over which wouldn't drop so quickly. "We'll do those another time," said Jack Frost. "There's too much work to be done tonight." So a few Flowers in the Garden were left untouched.

And then they went to the Window-Panels, and there they made queer shapes and queer objects. They made Castles, and Wells and dancing Figures—all out of Silver—and with their Silver Tools.

All Night long they worked, and oh how much they did! They covered everything with their Silver Frost, and when it was all over Jack Frost and the Frost Boys stood around and admired their own work.

"We'd better be doing something every Evening now," said Jack Frost.

"Yes," said the Frost Boys. "Let's start out every night now for a new place."

"We've fixed up the Gardens just around here pretty well—all except for a few Flowers we've left. We'll come back and do them when we have more time. It's a very surprising thing to me, added Jack Frost, as he took off his Silver Hat, and looked about him, "that People do not appreciate our work more—it's so very, very beautiful!"

"Indeed it is," agreed the Frost Boys. The next morning when everyone woke up and looked out, the Window-Panels were covered with Frost, and the Flowers had all been Frost Bitten.

"Oh dear," everyone sighed, "that old Jack Frost has been around."

But when they saw the few Flowers left in every Garden they were very happy. "Summer hasn't quite gone," they said.

"No," said the Flowers, "we're still here."

"And you'll stay there for some time yet," said Mr. Sun, and Mr. South Wind said, "We'll look after you."

And they did, for they asked the Fairy Queen to put old Jack Frost asleep again for a good, long nap.



And the Frost Boys Laughed.

Christmas Letters and Cards for everyone. Central News Stand. 324 N. Main Street.

Don't forget to read The TIMES want column.

# TALKS ON THRIFT

Pay-Up Week.

Waukon, a little town of two thousand people in Iowa, with the usual facts of churches, schools, business houses and banks, made the discovery, a year or so ago, that the merchants of the town had on their books about \$50,000 of unpaid bills, and so it spent a week last January as "Pay-up week," when the merchants were asked as a matter of courtesy and of civic pride and good business ethics, to settle up. The number of merchants took the campaign in hand and the results were satisfactory, that the event is repeated again for next January. It is hoped with even greater success.

Those who are unacquainted with the ways of business little realize how much debt exists in every community in the form of book accounts, carried over from month to month, year to year, and rarely if ever settled in full. It is so handy to shop with a book and to use the telephone, that the ease with which charge accounts can be utilized often leads to overbuying and the creation of debts that prove burdensome if not disastrous.

It is well known that those who pay, pay for those who do not pay. The merchant must make his profit or fail, and this profit must be sufficient to offset the bad debts that necessarily accrue in the course of every business. And if in a little town of two thousand there are outstanding \$50,000 of unpaid bills, what must it amount to in larger places? Even if the larger part of the outstanding debts are eventually paid, the merchant cannot use his books to purchase goods. He must say his bills as he expects his customers to pay theirs.

Our whole business structure rests upon the retailer. If he pays promptly, the jobber can pay promptly, and likewise the manufacturer. If the retailer is backward, it tends credit unwisely, pays slowly or not at all, the whole business structure suffers. Only as the consumer pays his bills can the retailer pay his.

We have had a lot of observations introduced during the past ten years. We have Flag day, Mothers' day, Apple day, Thrift day, Clean-up day, Rose day, Candy day, Gas week and a host of others, all of which are worthy. Some of these days lay particular stress upon waste and saving and preparation for the future, but few have in them the possibilities for constructive and beneficial results as will follow an annual pay-up day, when bills are settled in full.

The Chinese have a custom of celebrating the advent of New Years, either by paying off old debts, or, if they are creditors and the debtor is unable to pay, then by cancelling the debt. Thus the new year begins with a clean slate. Communities are all alike in many respects and the problem of Waukon is the problem of a thousand others. We have too many unpaid accounts on our books. Why not profit by the Waukon idea, and have a pay-up week the country over, when the slate shall be wiped clean and the new year started free of debt?

## WILL DISMANTLE OLD MANSION

Local Real Estate Company Obtains Option on Baxter Property.

It is announced that the Lima Real Estate Improvement company has secured an option on Oak Hall, the historic Baxter homestead at Elm and McDonel streets, and plans to plat it and dispose of the lots to those desirous of buying in one of the prettiest residence sections of the city.

The property, now owned by the A. C. Baxter estate, fronts on Elm street, McDonel street and Atlantic avenue, and consists of more than two acres. The tract is 360x250 feet and is occupied only by the old Baxter mansion, now in the hands of a caretaker. The company has not fully decided what disposition will be made of the property if the option is closed, though it is believed the lots will be sold to parties desirous of erecting homes to cost in the neighborhood of \$8,000. The option is for 90 days.

To Stop Self-Poisoning.

For furred and coated tongue, biliousness, sour stomach, indigestion, constipation and other results of a fermenting and poisoning mass of undigested food in the stomach and bowels, there is nothing better than that old-fashioned physic—Foley's Cathartic Tablets. Do not gripe nor sicken; act promptly. H. F. Vortkamp.

Find it in TIMES want column.

# HATS

SALE OF FINE PATTERN HATS.

THE VERY LATEST MODELS OF TAILORED AND DRESS HATS. ALL THIS WEEK. ANY HAT IN THE HOUSE—

\$5.00

WORTH UP TO \$15.00.

Mrs. Wells Hat Shop

116 WEST MARKET ST.

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You don't want to save your money any OLD way; you want to save it the BEST Way.

Don't save your money all year just for the sake of spending it all at Christmas.

Deposit your money where it will do you the most good; where it will earn the highest rate of interest, safety considered; where it will continue to grow, year after year, until you are ready to use it. It will come handy some day for things really worth while.

Start your account today with

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## Phonograph Store

### H. P. Maus Piano House

Lima's Largest Phonograph Store.

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## TALKS ON WORK OF REEF

Ohio Advocates of Suffrage to Try Anew for Amendment.

The Ohio advocates of woman's suffrage have decided to have another go at a constitutional amendment next year and are now planning to get through the legislature a joint resolution authorizing the submission of such an amendment. They are now feeling out the sentiment of the new members of the legislature with this in view.

It looks now as though the wet interests would have two propositions to fight against next year—the woman's suffrage amendment and the proposed prohibition amendment.

The total vote in Ohio at the election on November 7, was over 50,000 short of the estimated vote. Most predictions were around the million and a quarter mark. The official figures given out now by the secretary of state show that less than 1,200,000 votes were cast.

Find it in TIMES want column. Use The TIMES want column.

## THE MOST COMPLETE

Line of Gift articles is to be found at our store this season, and the prices are most reasonable.

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THE HOME OF QUALITY LIMA, OHIO.

## STEEL FOUNDRY WORKMAN SUFFERS A BROKEN LEG.

broken limb while at his work this morning. He was removed to the Emilio Paine, Italian, employed at City hospital in the Eckert and the Ohio Steel foundry, sustained a

## Buy Furniture for Christmas

## Better Bread Than You Can Bake

Home-made bread is all right, but it's making causes a lot of unnecessary trouble and exertion. Our Bread is light, white and full of nutrition. In these days of high costs it does not pay you to bake your own bread.

Get a loaf of Malt Milk Bread today. At all grocers.

## RENS BREAD

WHOLESALE & RETAIL BAKERY

MAINTENANCE BREAD

Of course a new Suit or Overcoat for Christmas—What better gift could you give?

A Sterling Suit or Overcoat will keep your remembrance fresh for many a day after the tree is dismantled and Old Santa's on his way.

A special group of attractive Suits and Overcoats that are an easy answer to your gift problem

## \$10, \$15, \$18, \$20

A few suggestions for gifts from our line of men's furnishings—

Neckties, 29c, 35c, 50c, 75c.

Mufflers, 60c, \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$2.00.

Shirts, 69c, \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50.

Dress Gloves, \$1.50 to \$2.00.

We have numerous other articles.

## The Sterling

That Quality Store

67 Public Square Lima, Ohio

## You're Next

## The Sparks Fly

The Sparks Piano House is the busiest place in Lima. The big sale continues with increasing interest. The following persons purchased Pianos and Players at the Sparks Piano House yesterday: J. W. Holiway, Cole St.; Fred Wayneworth, S. Main; Mrs. Lizzie Benadon, Elida; Mrs. Ella Faust, Scott's Crossing. New Pianos, sale price from \$147.00 to \$317.00. New Player Pianos, sale price from \$300.00 to \$550.00. Used Pianos from \$47.00 to \$150.00; \$5 down, \$5.00 per month. If you want a bargain come in at once. Don't put off coming in. What you would like may be sold today.

Store Open of Evenings for Your Convenience

## Sparks Piano House

126 West North Street



## WILSON TO ACT AS PEACE MESSENGER

Will Transmit Germany's  
Proposal to the Allies;  
Without Any Comment

Administration Hopes to  
Avoid a Hasty Refusal on  
the Part of the Entente.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Pending the arrival of the official text of the note handed to American Charge Grew by Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg, officials maintained the same impenetrable silence that has characterized their attitude since first intimations of Germany's momentous move. It is understood that the White House has issued instructions to refrain from comment which might appear official upon Germany's peace proposals. The administration fears this might jeopardize the chances of bringing about the peace negotiations, suggested by the Teutonic allies.

Press comment from London and Paris has been laid before the president as well as before the diplomatic representatives of the Teutonic governments here.

It was practically assured today that no suggestion from President Wilson would accompany the German offer when it was transmitted by this government to the entente capitals. It was pointed out that the mechanical matter of forwarding the German suggestion would immediately follow its receipt here before officials have an opportunity to inspect thoroughly the official version of the Teutons' offer.

It is almost certain, however, that following the transmission of the Austro-German peace suggestion, President Wilson will suggest, directly or through an unofficial representative sent abroad for the purpose, that the time is ripe for consideration of means to terminate the conflict and of the basis on which peace can be considered. Unless it is definitely set forth by Secretary Grew of the American embassy in Berlin, that the United States, Spain and Switzerland are expected only to act as messengers in conveying the offer of the Teutonic allies to its enemies, there is no reason to doubt that the White House will strongly urge the acceptance of the offer. It is understood in official circles that the president will attempt to lay the foundation at the same time for a combination of world powers, including all the nations now at war and the United States, for the prevention of future international conflicts.

One of the chief concerns of the administration now is to prevent a hasty refusal of the Teuton offer from the entente governments, in the hope of keeping the matter an open question until spring. A statement from the entente governments of the terms on which they would consider peace negotiations would have this effect, it is believed here. Meanwhile, it is thought, a more thorough understanding of the Berlin offer might be brought about, and the suspicion lulled that the move was intended merely as a bid for neutral sympathy.

### UTILITY BOARD FIXES DATE

For Hearing Delphos People's Argument Over Telephone Rate.

DELPHOS, Dec. 14.—At a mass meeting of citizens held in the town hall here last night it was announced that Thursday, December 21, has been selected by the State Utilities commission as the date for hearing protests from Delphos citizens regarding an increased telephone rate.

The mass meeting was called for the purpose of talking over the telephone problem, and addresses were made by Mayor Leasure, Attorney W. S. Kimball and other citizens. All protested against the recent action of the telephone company. It was announced that the city has ordered all phones out, and that at least 250 citizens have taken similar action.

Arrangements were made as soon as it was learned that the utilities commission has fixed a date for the hearing to send a committee before it to not only enter the protests in a proper manner, but to look after the city's side of the argument.

### MESSIAH AT BLUFFTON

Betsy Lane Shepherd of New York.  
Will Sing Soprano Solos.

Lima music lovers are interested and will attend the presentation of Handel's "Messiah," to be given on next Tuesday evening in the gymnasium of Bluffton college, under the auspices of the College music and high school lecture course. The Bluffton Choral society, assisted by the societies from the Ebenezer, St. John's and Pandora churches will present the oratorio, which always appeals at the yuletide season.

Miss Betsy Lane Shepherd of New York City, who will sing the soprano solos, will give a recital on Wednesday evening. She has gained much prominence in oratorio and concert work. Miss Verne Colburn of Bluffton, who is well known to Lima musicians, being on the concert stage, will be contralto soloist.

Clarence C. Lehmann, of West Liberty, and Harry L. Kohler, of Bluffton college, members of the College quartet, will sing the tenor and bass roles respectively. The program will begin promptly at 7:30 o'clock.

### SERBIA'S PRICE.



**SERBIAN GRAVES**  
The price that the Serbians are paying to win back their country from the hands of the Germans. Two Serbians are showing mourning over the grave of a comrade who has just been buried.

## WOMAN IN CONGRESS CAUSES A FURORE

'More Men' Worried About  
Proper Title to Give the  
'Lady From Montana'

Miss Rankin's Right to a  
Seat Will Not be Con-  
tested by Any One.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—It is becoming more evident every day that the election of Miss Jeanette Rankin, of Montana, to congress is going to rum up old customs in a way that will shock the ancient sticklers for time-honored traditions. Every day the advent of a woman into the membership of congress is bringing up problems that cause the "more men" around the congressional establishment to scratch their heads and cudgel their brains. For instance, the compilers of the congressional directory are at a loss to find a symbol to designate an unmarried congresswoman in the list of members and their address, which is inserted every year in the directory.

For the guidance of hosts who wish to entertain the one star is placed before the name of a member whose wife accompanies him, a dagger before the name of a member whose unmarried daughters accompany him, etc.

Just what sort of symbol will be framed up for Miss Rankin remains to be worked out but, assuming that she may accept some one of her numerous ardent suitors, the joke-smiths around congress are saying that a double dagger would be about the right symbol to designate a congresswoman whose husband accompanies her.

Miss Rankin is not going to have the slightest trouble in taking her seat in congress, for while many of the male members believe the United States constitution is dead against

her right to serve, not one of them has nerve enough to pull the constitution on her when she gets here. Not only will Miss Rankin be received into full membership, but the probability is that the members will try to outdo each other in gallantry toward her.

**FUNERAL OF MRS. KELLY**  
IS HELD AT GLYNWOOD

Funeral services for Mrs. Patrick Kelly, mother of Michael Kelly, of East Elm street, were held at the Catholic church in Glynwood yesterday. Interment was made in the Catholic cemetery there. Mr. and

Mrs. Kelly and daughters, Margaret and Helen, and son Howard, and Mrs. Leora Ewell, of Lima, attended the funeral. Death occurred at her home in Wapakoneta Sunday night.

**POSTAL CARD DELIVERED**  
10 YEARS AFTER MAILED

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 14.—A postal card mailed here by his mother ten years ago has just been received by Sergeant William Bonnett at police headquarters. There is nothing to show what caused the delay.

## A Box of Paper

Did any one ever see a Christmas gift list without a box of stationery on it? This year we are making stationery a specialty, in connection with so many other Christmas gift goods. Modern stationery—the latest idea in tints, tone and textures. Sizes and shapes unique and individual.

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## Wooltex Suit Sale

160 New Wooltex Suits  
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### Children's Rain Coats

Children's rain sets—coat with cap to match. Colors—grey, navy and tan. Every coat guaranteed strictly rain-proof. Packed in holiday boxes at \$2.98, \$3.50, \$4.98 and \$5.90.

### The Best Store in Town For GIRLS' COATS

Clever coat styles for girls from 2 to 11 years. Our coats for children reflect the same chic style as do garments for misses and women. One coat in particular deserves special note—a Wooltex model made in a variety of different cloths—cut very full, belted with a high or low collar effect. The cloths are particularly heavy and guaranteed all wool. Priced at \$10. Other modes in every cloth of the season, \$3.95 to \$25.

**R. T. Gregg & Co.**

## OHIO PENSIONERS ARE MIGHTY HOST

More Buckeye Beneficiaries  
Than All Governments of  
World for Military Work.

These Draw Sixteen Times  
as Much as Paid by All  
of the Other Nations

The annual report of Gaylord M. Saltzger, commissioner of pensioners, just issued, tells a striking story of the beneficence which the United States accords to soldiers and their widows in the shape of pension allowances. In Ohio alone 16 times as many persons are drawing pensions from the government on account of military service as are on the pension rolls of all the other governments in the world, and these Ohio pensioners draw 16 times as much money every year as combined pensions on account of military service of all the other pensioners of all the other countries on earth.

Commissioner Saltzger reports that the number of persons who draw pensions from his bureau during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1916, was 705,064 and that the total amount paid to them during the year was

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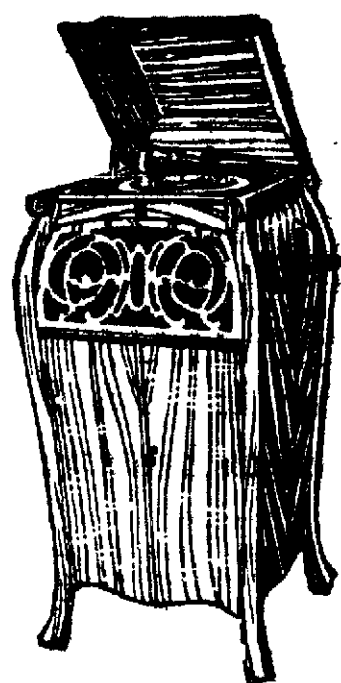
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ing the custom originated by Theodore Roosevelt when he was president. The meetings will end Saturday. The session so far has been held at Salt Lake City last summer, but the mobilization camp it to be postponed.

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NEWSPAPER







# UNCLE SAM BUILDS BIGGER NAVY YARDS

Six Million Dollars Will Add to Equipment for Construction of Battleships.

Ship Yards of America Are Swamped With Orders From Home and Abroad.

By Frederic J. Haskin.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—One of the most interesting features of the recent navy bill is the appropriation of six million dollars to equip United States navy yards with facilities for building battleships. Heretofore, the yards at New York and Mare Island have been the sole government constructors of battleships, but now Norfolk and Philadelphia are building them for the first time, and just as soon as conditions will permit the Boston and Puget Sound yards will be awarded contracts.

This measure is interesting not only because of the changes it will bring about in the navy yards, but because it shows that the statesmen of the nation recognized the positive need for preparedness—and for preparedness as soon as possible. Ever since the European war, the private shipbuilding yards throughout the country have been swamped with orders, both foreign and domestic, and the gentlemen who used to haunt the national capital for the purpose of obtaining government orders now have to be fairly coaxed to enter bids for naval contracts. They may, of course, be induced to build warcraft for Uncle Sam, but at a advanced—very advanced—cost, and only after they have completed their European contracts, which number in the thousands. It was therefore perfectly apparent to congress that if the United States hoped to have an competent navy within the next ten years it would have to build the ships itself.

The most important necessity in battleship construction is space. A battleship is a large craft and requires a great deal of room in which to grow. At the present time, New York has space enough to build only one at a time; Boston is not large enough to accommodate a battleship, while Norfolk has space for four and Philadelphia as many as eight. In order to secure space in some of the yards it will be necessary to tear down whole buildings, the yard at Boston, for example, being cut in two.

Procuring workmen and installing machinery are the next problems. It is estimated that it takes three thousand men to build one battleship in its completed form, furnished and equipped with fighting apparatus, while the speed with which the work is executed depends largely on the efficiency of the machinery. Since the war, few have re-

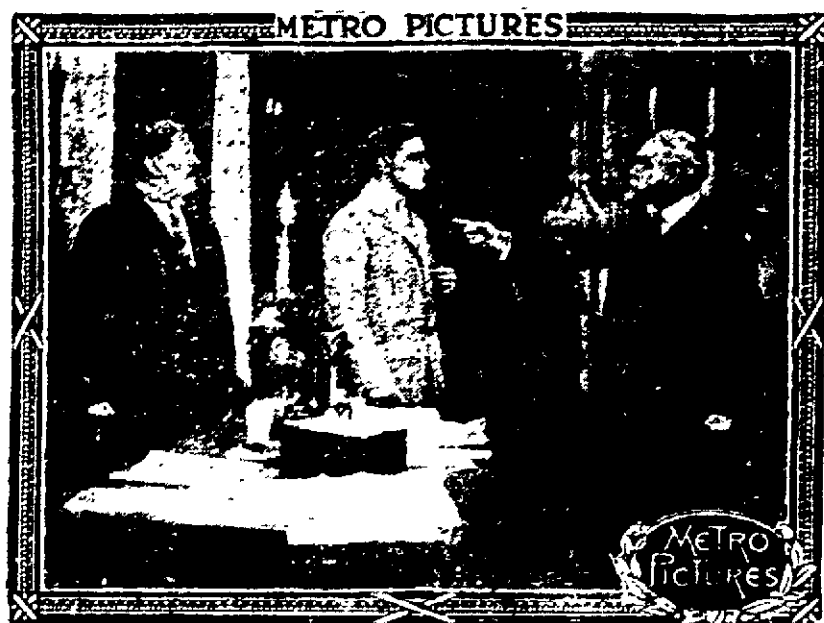
liable information. England completed a battleship in a little over a year, but with labor and material at the present state of scarcity in this country, the best record we can hope for is three years. But at the end of three years, then, are we likely to have a fleet of battleships authorized by the navy bill?

In the meantime, the various navy yards affected by the measure are in a state of confusion and excitement. In the six yards that are to build battleships, men and equipment are arriving daily. The executive offices are being enlarged and re-organized for handling the new work. Bids for new machinery and equipment must be requested; the old equipment must be used wherever possible, buildings must be cleared out in order to house the new supplies, and the whole business of battleship construction must be studied and worked out with a special view to two factors—speed and economy. At Mare Island the facilities are already well adapted to battleship construction and work is now going forward on one battleship, in addition to a fuel ship and four torpedo boat destroyers. At Norfolk, which has always specialized in mines, a great deal of readjustment is necessary, although Norfolk is not handicapped by lack of space, as is Boston. Boston is having a serious time. Philadelphia and Puget Sound are having comparatively few difficulties, owing to the fact that they have long built ships of goodly size.

Battleships, however, are not the only warcraft to be assigned to the navy yards for construction. The new naval program includes a list of 157 vessels of various types—battle cruisers, scout cruisers, torpedo-boat destroyers, submarines, ammunition ships, gunboats, etc.—many of which will have to be built by the government. These will be divided among the nine navy yards, according to their capacities. Portsmouth, which formerly manufactured ship's furniture, is now prepared to build auxiliaries, and important large warcraft contracts have been awarded both New Orleans and Charleston. The navy yards at Washington and Pensacola are not mentioned in connection with this special appropriation of six million dollars, since the former is really a gun factory and the latter an aeronautic station.

By June of next year, it is expected that every government shipbuilding yard will be working to its utmost capacity—a capacity that has been improved and augmented by the six million-dollar funds—and at the end of five years we should have a navy that will be able to hold its own. According to the latest information, the American navy stands fourth on the naval list of the world. Great Britain, of course, has the largest navy, ranking first on the list. Germany comes next, France third, with a much smaller showing, and the United States fourth, with almost the same showing as France. Fifth on the list is Japan, with Russia a close seventh, and Italy and Austria following.

This was the standing of the navies of the world at the beginning of the war, although there was some doubt as to whether France or the



Francis X. Bushman in "In the Diplomatic Service" at the Faurot.

United States should stand third. Since the war, the navy department, if it has any accurate information on the subject, refuses to disclose it. Ships of every bell-shaped nation have gone to the bottom in great numbers, but whether these have been more than replaced by the shipbuilding yards is unknown. From the number of foreign contracts placed in this country it is plain that the belligerents are not neglecting the strength of their navies, even though most of the fighting is being done on land. Germany, especially, it is believed, is using every opportunity to increase the size of her navy so as more nearly to equal that of England.

The navy department also declines to express an opinion as to just how far the present naval program will raise our naval standing among nations, but the officials make secret of the fact that the bill has been a great relief, and the secretary is losing no time in putting it into effect.

Neutrality is becoming more and more difficult; the maintenance of the Monroe Doctrine is becoming more difficult; the protection of our citizens in foreign countries; the military control of the Panama canal and our insistence on the open door in China—all the policies of the United States are proving difficult—and it is becoming rapidly apparent that the only way out is force. The president himself has sounded the warning in his speeches and proclamations. Under these circumstances, it is nice to know that the navy yards of the nation are going to work night and day shifts if necessary in hurrying 157 war vessels on the road to completion.

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## MAY TRY THE CHARTER PLAN

Merchants' Association of Delphos Favors Change of Government.

DELPHOS, O., Dec. 14.—At the meeting of the Merchants' Association in the Commercial Club rooms, the association went on record as favoring the proposed change of city government, and of adopting a new charter.

F. X. Altenburger was present and addressed the meeting at length, setting forth the advantages, as he sees them, of a new form of city government, of a "home rule" charter, as he explained. Mr. Altenburger stated that at present there are 33 officials in the city, some drawing salaries, some not, but his theory is that, paid or unpaid, a smaller body would offer more efficient city government, and that it would be possible to abolish many of the present officers under a new charter.

A meeting to further discuss the proposed change will be held next week.

## CITY PLUMBING CODE UPHELD

Test Case Before Judge Jackson Results in Victory for Lima.

A test case of the plumbing code of the city was heard yesterday, and Samuel E. Blank was found guilty of violating the code, in a hearing before Criminal Judge Jackson. Blank, who was fined \$5 and costs, stated that he intended to appeal the case.

Plumbing Inspector Ashton caused the arrest of Blank, who is a contractor, charging that he allowed Xenia Peterson, a plumber, to install defective pipes in a house being built by the contractor. Although the plumber was also arrested, he was released when he proved his innocence.

**Customary Explanation.**

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# IS UNITED STATES AT WAR WITH MEXICO

Ohio Supreme Court Asked to Rule on Status of the National Guard Officers.

Question Arises as to Pay of Men Now on Duty on the Southern Border of Land.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 14.—Ohio supreme court judges have been asked to determine whether or not the United States is at war with Mexico. This is the first time any tribunal in the country has been asked to decide this question since Brigadier General Pershing led United States troops into Mexico several months ago.

The question evolves upon a request made to the court today by Colonel H. J. Turney, Cleveland, judge advocate general of the Ohio National Guard, who wants to know whether or not Adjutant General E. S. Bryant and several other guard officers here are entitled to war or peace pay.

Turney, in his petition to the court, cites an Ohio statute which says the salary of the acting adjutant general, which position Bryant occupied until made adjutant general a few weeks ago, shall be paid \$2,000 a year in time of peace and \$4,000, the salary of a colonel in the regular army, in war times.

The petition asks if Bryant was entitled to a salary at the rate of \$4,000 a year since June 18, when Ohio guardsmen were mobilized.

The court's decision as to the existing relations between this country and Mexico also will affect the

salaries of Colonel W. H. Duffy, quartermaster general of the Ohio guard, and one or two other officers. Adjutant General Bryant first questioned State Auditor Donahay about his salary. Donahay turned the matter over to Attorney General Turner, who advised that supreme court be consulted.

The action brought in court today seeks to ransom Donahay to pay Bryant for his services since June 18 at the rate of \$4,000 a year. Supreme court has decided to hear the case Jan. 2, the day after the judges return from their Christmas recess, which begins Thursday.

There was much speculation today as to whom will be summoned as witnesses to throw light on the question which the court must determine. Several government officials in Washington may be subpoenaed.

Times-Democrat wants ads always bring quick results.

**ROBBY IS PLANNING.**

BROOKLYN, N. Y., Dec. 14.—Manager Wilbert Robinson, of the Dodgers, has denied that he is considering a trade of Fred Merkle for Bill Hinchman of Pittsburgh. Robby is planning to try Merkle out at shortstop next season.

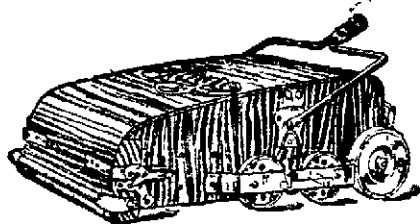
It is possible that a trade between the Dodgers and Cards may be consummated today, Catcher Miller and Pitcher Appleton going in exchange for a catcher Snyder.

## OFFICERS SELECTED BY KNIGHTS OF AMERICA.

Officers of the St. Rose Catholic Knights of America have been elected as follows: The Rev. A. E. Manning, spiritual director; John Klatt, president; J. Veasey, vice president; John O'Neil, recording secretary; Frank McFarland, financial secretary; Henry Kemper, treasurer, and John M. Sullivan, sergeant-at-arms.

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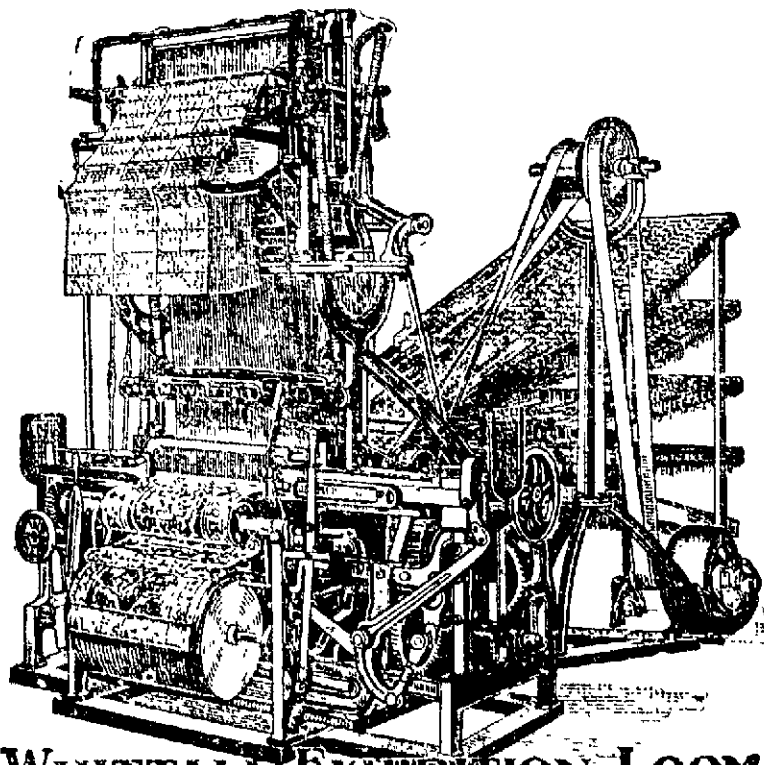
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